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* 50th Anniversary Logo Design Winner *

Graphic artist and musician *Craig Phillip Cardone* of Freeport won the "Create a Logo" contest for Dan's Papers' 50th Anniversary. Cardone incorporated original artwork by Mickey Paraskevas in his whimsical, winning design.

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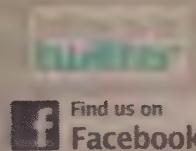
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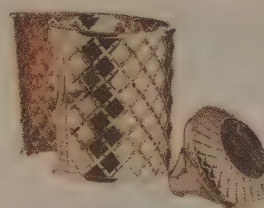
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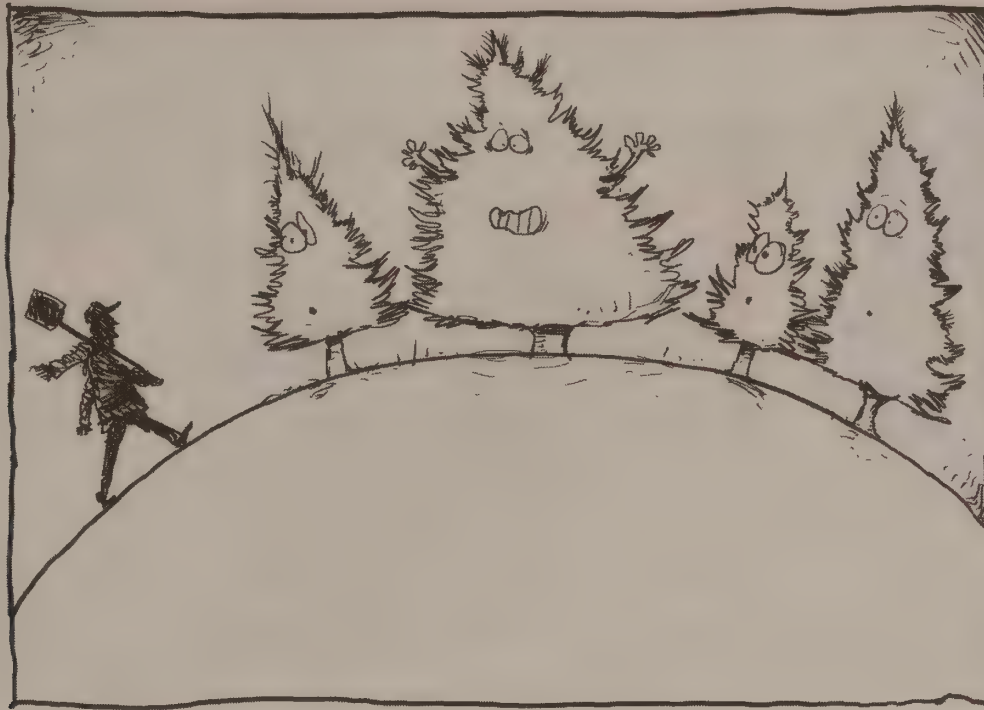
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Tree Diary

An Evergreen on a Hill has a Marvelous Christmas Adventure

By Dan Rattiner

*A Christmas fable to be read
aloud to the children of the
Hamptons.*

I have to say, looking back on it, that everything turned out well. But would I do it again? It was pretty stressful. The answer to that would be no.

It all started around December 10. The family came out of the house, stood out on the lawn and looked up at me. Gladys was carrying a box and some wrapping paper. Her husband was carrying a chain saw. The kid and the little girl stood around. They talked. I couldn't hear what they were saying from up here at the top of the hill, and of course it wouldn't matter anyway, because I don't understand them, but I got the general idea. It terrified me. I'm six feet tall now. I'd fit just fine in their living room. I know this drill from last year and the year before.

Don't get me wrong, though. I'd gladly do whatever is necessary to be a Christmas tree all dressed up with silver balls, lights, ribbons and a white star on the top. As the others have told me, it's these peoples' way to guide Santa Claus to their houses. The tree all decorated and lit is put by the fireplace next to a

One night, they left all my lights
on. As I said, I knew what
this was all about.

window so Santa can see it all lit up when he comes. It's an honor to be selected like that.

Well, the family stood out on the lawn for a while, pointing up the hill, talking to one another and then they went back inside. And I thought, well, that is that, I get to live another year. Either that or they've just gone in to have a little lunch before coming back.

I love being up on the top of the hill here at the back of the yard. The two kids and their friends sleigh ride down the hill from up here. They're really not bad kids at all, just horsing around. They're fun to watch. Last year one of their friends bought a toboggan and six of them went down the hill and turned the whole thing upside down. Gladys and Bob came running out, but the kids were all just laughing about what happened.

It's also fun to just be out here in the

sun, the rain, the snowstorms in winter and the heat waves in summer. I like the variety. I like the changing of the seasons. Last year, some blue jay built a nest in me. It's fun to be a tree. It really is.

The day after the big conference, though, Bob and the kid marched up the hill toward me. The two of them were carrying shovels. I wondered what they were going to do with them. I figured it couldn't be good.

Turned out they were going to dig me up. They dug down deep, giving my roots lots of room, working one of them on one side and the other on the other side. It tickled. After awhile, they had dug me free. Were they going to take me somewhere? Where? They lifted me straight up out of the hole after awhile. Or they tried to. They really couldn't do it, even between them. They talked some more. Then they decided to just slide me out and lay me down, which they did successfully. Then they got some burlap and wrapped my roots real cozy like. Then they carried me down to the house, Bob taking the heavy end with the burlap ball and the kid at the top where all my

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Randy Altschuler conceded to Congressman Tim Bishop last week, ending the nation's only remaining undecided House contest. Bishop told reporters he was happy to "withstand a Category 5 storm against incumbents."

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Congratulations, David Lauren! The Hamptons regular proposed to Lauren Bush at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art last week and she said yes!. The couple first met at the same museum during Vogue Magazine's annual Costume Institute gala six years ago.

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Hamptons neighbors Alan Alda and Alec Baldwin reunited on "30 Rock" last week. In his third guest appearance on the NBC hit show, Alda played the father of Baldwin's Jack Donaghy.

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Southampton's Howard Stern has signed a new five-year contract with SiriusXM Radio. The recent announcement followed several months of intense negotiation as Stern's original contract, worth \$500 million, came to a close.

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Hamptons journalists Barbara Walters and Katie Couric paid tribute to Larry King during his final show on CNN.

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East Hampton resident Russell Simmons appeared on "Extra" last week to talk about his new book, *Super Rich: A Guide to Having It All*, which will be released next month. The hip-hop mogul's words of wisdom? "The more you give, the more you get."

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A year after separating from third wife Katie Lee, Hamptons crooner Billy Joel is dating Alexis Roderick, a 29-year-old senior risk officer with Morgan Stanley. The pair has been together since September, when they met at a Huntington restaurant.

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A book written by Helen Harrison, director of the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center in Springs, is included in "The Jackson Pollock Artist Box," a newly released creative kit that also includes rolls of paper, a paintbrush, and acrylic paints. The kit is distributed by Simon & Schuster.

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The Framingham Foundation, an East End non-profit that gives to local children and families in need, has donated \$2,500 to Island Harvest for their turkey drive, and \$1,000 to The Southampton Day Care Center to help them update their playground equipment and play area. Said President Denise Pearsall, "This is a hard time for so many people. We are pleased we can play some part in helping them."

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Feathered Epic

Four Years of Domestic Drama with Town Pond's Swan Family

By Dan Rattiner

What is it with the swans in Town Pond? I happened to drive past it the other morning just before dawn on my way to watch the sunrise at East Hampton Main Beach and there they were. The mommy and the daddy and the two teenagers amidst the great gaggle of ducks. The daddy was keeping his eye on the kids. The mommy was fast asleep, her long neck and head turned around and tucked into her down back. In that position, her body described a beautiful off-center white oval. So peaceful.

Or maybe it was the daddy asleep and mommy watching the kids. You really can't tell.

It's wonderful to live year around in a place

where there's this great daily drama in the center of town with these swans. Every day is different. Every day is something new. It's been this way as long as anybody can remember.

To be honest with you, every year I sort of make up a little drama about what is going on at the pond. Four years ago in April, the mommy and daddy swan began jointly building a nest in the southeast corner of it. It was in very shallow water just a long step off from the shore and you could take that step if you wanted to, but you didn't. The swans bite.

They were in no hurry building this. They'd get a twig in their beaks and paddle over and put it on the top of where the nest was under construc-

tion, then they'd go off and get more twigs. When it was done, it rose up about three feet above the water level, the mommy climbed up on it and stayed there until June. Daddy foraged for food and brought it to her. Then six chicks appeared. It was a happy time.

They say that mute swans are monogamous, at least for the season. In the fall, when the chicks are grown, they all fly off south to where it is warm.

That first year with the nest, when they flew south, there was only the mommy and the daddy and two teenagers. The other two, according to

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CAREFUL YOU DON'T GET WHAT YOU WISH FOR

By Dan Rattiner

Last summer I held a reading of a chapter from my memoir *In the Hamptons Too* on the side of a road up in Springs next to what had been a vast horse pasture leading the better part of a mile down to the shoreline at Gardiner's Bay off in the distance.

The chapter was about an attempt made in 1970 by a young married couple to fly a balloon from that pasture to Europe on the gentle winds of the jet stream. No one had ever flown a balloon from America to Europe before.

Several thousand people were in attendance. The media was there. So was I, covering this event for an article in *Dan's Papers*. The couple, a beautiful dark-haired woman and her hippie husband, a former Wall Street broker who had "dropped out," climbed into the gondola under the balloon, dropped some sandbags and then

just wafted along a few feet off the ground for a few hundred yards, finally rising on an updraft to just clear the few horses frolicking around a single willow tree in the middle of that pasture a half mile away.

I have always had a picture of that scene in my mind. The balloon was gaily colored and had the words *FREE LIFE* on its side in giant letters. It got smaller and smaller as it got farther and farther away, then went out off over the bay to become a small dot and then finally disappear from view.

That night, 100 miles out into the Atlantic, the couple radioed that they were now in the middle of a vicious rainstorm, were going down and needed help. It was their last transmission. They were never heard from again.

As I said, I read this chapter to some listeners while standing alongside this pasture. But it was

no longer a pasture. It was now completely overgrown, its full length, with 10-foot high tall grass and scrub trees. Looking in from the road, you couldn't see 10 feet. So people had to believe what I said had been there back then. Had there really been an open pasture? Perhaps I had just imagined it when I was there 40 years ago.

I mention this experience because last week Councilman Dominick Stanzione of East Hampton Town proposed something with the catchy name of "Project Open Vista." If adopted by the town, unused and overgrown land and other properties in town would be cleaned up and pruned to create wonderful views of the ocean and bay and other knockout scenery for the public to enjoy. Stanzione referred to these as "million dollar views." Until now, only the rich could enjoy them.

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Being Santa

My Day Starring as Santa in the Main Street Christmas Parade

By Dan Rattiner

Three weeks before Christmas, almost all the villages in the Hamptons hold big parades to celebrate the arrival of Santa. It is, in many ways, like the Macy's Day Parade in New York, only on a smaller scale. It is important to the parents and children of our communities. Hundreds and even thousands of people turn out to stand on the sides of Main Street usually in weather that comes pretty close to freezing to wave to the marching bands and firemen and sugar plum fairies and elves and Boy and Girl Scout troops as they pass smartly on Main Street.

There is a grand finale—Santa himself, together with Mrs. Santa, 10 feet up on a magnificent sleigh, waving to the crowd while puffs of theatrical white foam bits billow up all around the sleigh like a snowstorm. In front, eight reindeer pull this float. It's quite a sight and the little kids go nuts curbside waving and cheering.

This past Saturday, December 4 between 10 a.m. and noon, I was this Santa Claus for the East Hampton parade. I had never been asked to be the Santa Claus in any of these parades, certainly not in my hometown before.

I considered being asked an honor. Either that or because of typecasting. I have achieved a certain age. I have a white beard, a bit of a belly, a jolly face so people tell me, and a willingness to act in any sort of play or fun. Whatever the reason, I was flattered to be asked. I said yes.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience," I told my wife.

She agreed that it was.

Santa and his wife—me as Santa and my wife—arrived in Dan's black Tahoe at 9:45 a.m., 15 minutes before the parade was to start at the melee of parade performers behind the East Hampton Presbyterian Church at the westerly end of Main Street. We found only one parking space there on Hunting Lane alongside the

church. My wife drove past it at first without noticing it, and so had to drive around the block to claim it. So she let Santa off and he stood there in that spot, fending it off from all comers who wanted to take it while she circled around. Indeed, a white pickup truck tried to bully me out of the spot, but Santa flapped his arms and wiggled his beard at this would-be parking space thief. How dare he defy Santa Claus? Finally he drove off.

"Didn't know who he was dealing with," I said to my wife when she finally showed up.

On the church grounds, there were all sorts of creatures and action figures wandering around. I saw hunters, snowmen, elves, members of the Stella Maris Regional School Marching band, six people in dune buggies, three troops of scouts (Troop 1289, County Unit 63, Pack 426) and my eight reindeer, who were actually fully-grown men and women in brown fuzzy reindeer suits

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FIRST CATTLE RANCH IN AMERICA IS SOLD

By Dan Rattiner

Last week, it was announced that Mickey Drexler, the owner of J. Crew, had bought the 17-acre Deep Hollow Ranch in Montauk from Rusty and Diane Leaver for \$11.4 million. Drexler currently owns the old Andy Warhol oceanfront estate adjacent to the ranch, and this would further enhance his holdings. He has announced that the Leavers will stay on running the ranch for the next five years and after that there are no clear plans. It is hard to say at this juncture if that means the ranch, after all these years, will come to an end. The property itself, or most of it, is protected land for agricultural use. So the protected part will not be built upon except for barns and stables and things. But the ranch could become a farm or some other agricultural entity.

There also remains one two-acre residential lot along the periphery of the ranchland that could be developed as a home site. A sort of ranch view situation. The Leavers live in a house on an adjacent two-acre lot.

The ranch is billed as "the oldest working cattle ranch in America" and it is hard to dispute that.

English colonists from New England came across Long Island Sound by boat to land nearby in 1639, and the first of them, Lion Gardiner, was therefore the first English settler in the State of New York.

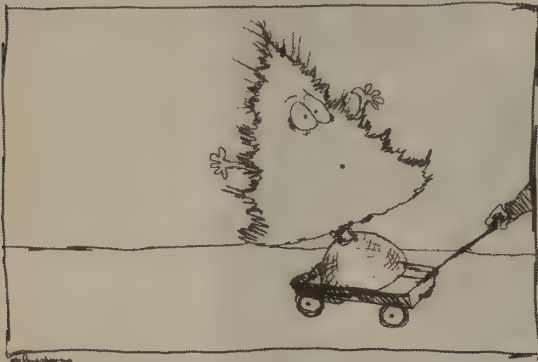
Montauk was not part of the original development. Gardiner's Island just offshore of Montauk became Lion Gardiner's home. The following year other settlers founded East Hampton.

Because this undeveloped 20-mile long peninsula of Montauk stuck out into the salty breeze of the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the East Hampton colonists, after organizing themselves, began to use the sweet grass on the rolling hills of Montauk as summer pasture for their herds. They held a cattle drive out to there every springtime and they held a second cattle drive to get the fatted cattle off in the fall.

Twenty miles was a long way back then. There were no roads. Just a dirt track. And because of this, three East Hampton men were assigned the task of living "on Montauk" as the phrase went and seeing to the cattle there in the summertime. For their shelter, three houses were built three miles apart from one another. The houses

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skinny branches are. They got me into the living room there and with mom and the sister, stood me up. They were going to make me a Christmas tree after all!!

I spent the next two weeks in there getting watered and my roots sprinkled with nutrients so I'd stay healthy and my branches getting pampered with fake snow and ornaments and lights and everything. By day, I stayed all lit up. I was so pretty. But at night they turned my electric off and I went dark. I found it spooky when it was dark. When you're a tree, there's not much you can do about it, though.

Then, one night, they left all my lights on. As I said, I knew what this was all

about. From high up on the hill, I have looked down on Christmas night to see the reindeer bring Santa and his sleigh to land on their roof alongside the chimney. Santa gets out and carries toys down. Then he comes back up empty-handed and they fly off to the next house. There's another house down the way. And then this enormous Christmas tree all lit up by a pond downtown. That must be a big house, that one.

Me and the other spruces talk about things like that up on top of the hill. We talk about other things too. Sometimes I wish they would stop yammering about everything once in awhile.

The maple trees, after all, hardly speak at all, although they do have their own maple tree language and I can't understand what they say either.

In any case, I was down there, doing pretty good that night and feeling really good about the fact that the others could see me through the window, knowing what my job was and everything. As it turned out, I was so excited that at a certain point I just fell asleep. And I slept like a log, if you will excuse me for phras-



ing it that way.

When I awoke, it was light, my lights were still on, and all these presents were piled up around me on the floor there. There were Christmas carols playing on a record player. A small model electric train was tooting on some tracks circling around me. The kids came running down after awhile. Then Bob and Gladys came down in their bathrobes and I have to say that this was just one of the best times ever. These people just loved everything, including me. I got lots of pats. Gladys brought in hot chocolate on a tray. I just stood there shivering with joy I was so happy. Bob got a v-neck

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Polar Bears

Getting Near to Naked in the Ocean on a Freezing Day

By RoseMarie Oliviero

Whoever says there's nothing to do in the Hamptons after Labor Day hasn't been here in 10 years. It's true the tumbleweeds do roll down Main Street as the kids get ready to go back to school but before we know it the beaches are occupied by several hundred Polar Bears. Yes, Virginia, I did say Polar Bears.

They aren't your average Polar Bears though. These are a very special breed, ranging in age from 6 to at least 60, and dressed in get-ups like bikinis, Santa suits, wetsuits, shorts, hula skirts, t-shirts, bathrobes, business suits and mermaid gowns. One happy

participant said, "It's a great excuse to dress this way in public." Despite the whimsy and lightheartedness of it all, the Polar Bears have a serious mission: To help those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Cooper's Beach in Southampton Village, Voted #1 Beach of 2010 in America by Dr. Beach, hosted the Seventh Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Hunger this past Saturday. The cannon went off and the Chief Polar Bear waved his red flag from the top of the life-guard chair. Then, in their costumes and swimsuits, about 450 Polar Bears down below ran to the ocean and plunged in. One plunger said, as he looked around at St. Nick clones,

"Hey, why are there two Santas?"

Participants in the highly entertaining event must pay or raise a minimum of \$25 in order to take the plunge. Anyone who made the donation got a Polar Bear Plunge hat and was entered into a raffle for a two-story gingerbread house. The Hampton Coffee truck was on hand with free hot chocolate for all who attended.

Monies raised by the Plunge went to Human Resources (HR) of the Hamptons, located at 168 Hill Street in Southampton Village and headed up by Maryann Tupper. As of this writing, the Plunge raised \$61,000,

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WHY THE EAST HAMPTON PHARMACY CLOSED

By David Lion Rattiner

Frank Calvo, the owner of the East Hampton and Bridgehampton Pharmacies, officially closed down his East Hampton store last week, just a month after he closed the Bridgehampton Pharmacy. There should be an uproar about this, we should care about this, because the reasons he is closing aren't because it's a bad business or because he did something wrong, but because he sat with his store in Bridgehampton for nearly a year without being allowed to open his doors.

Frank did everything right in terms of how a business should be run. Two years ago, Frank's pharmacy in East Hampton was doing wonderfully, as it had been for the last eight years, and so he made the decision to expand to Bridgehampton.

His was the only pharmacy that I know of in

our community that offered delivery service for those who could not pick up their prescriptions and orders themselves. It was all part of his very personal service.

But it took 11 months for the Town of Southampton to approve his store in Bridgehampton, after he had already signed his lease, spent money to fully stock it and get the personnel on board ready to go. It was just paperwork approval that he needed from the Planning Board.

"The process of waiting for approval killed me," he said. When you stay closed for 11 months and can't open due to approval delays while still paying rent and for inventory, the store goes out of business. It's pretty simple. Two other new stores in Bridgehampton had to close because they couldn't afford to wait to open while locked into a lease. The fact is that

both of my stores would still be open in East Hampton and Bridgehampton if it wasn't for that." Frank told me all this in a phone call from his new job, as a pharmacist at CVS in East Hampton.

Southampton Town simply would not get the paperwork through. According to Frank there were ZERO violations or problems with his new store. It was just a matter of waiting for the powers that be at the Planning Board to say "okay." Frank complained, but it fell upon deaf ears.

If what Frank says is true, shame on all of us for letting a healthy business go under like this. We should be embracing new businesses and entrepreneurs, not doing everything to keep them from opening. Why does this go on? We are talking about people's lives here.

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the naturalists in town, got eaten by bottom feeding turtles in the pond that, they said, probably grabbed onto one of the swan legs as the youngsters paddled around. Nobody really wanted to believe this.

That first summer with the nest was 2007. In April 2008 the mommy and the daddy came back. The nest had deteriorated but it was mostly still there. They did some renovations and mommy got up and sat on it again, and in June once again, six chicks appeared. It was so cute watching this family every day, the proud mommy and daddy gliding around in single file with the six fuzzy babies trying to keep up in the line just behind.

In 2009, there was a repeat performance with more new chicks. But in 2010, we humans waited and waited and the mommy and daddy swans never came back in the spring. By June, the old nest was pretty much gone—it was just a dark spot about six feet in diameter under the water in the corner of the pond. You had to figure the swans were nesting somewhere else.

Had it really been the same mommy and daddy each year? Nobody really knew. You couldn't get close to them. Especially when they had the swanlets around, they were pretty territorial. A sign got put up in the second and third years. STAY A GOOD DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE SWANS. People got the message.

There was never a report in any of the three years of anybody getting pecked, although there were occasions when people with cameras, seeing the daddy swan charge at them all ruffled

and fierce looking, would flee back to their cars with the swan in pursuit flapping his wings and continuing on with his assault until they got inside, slammed the doors and then peered out in astonishment as the swan proceeded to madly peck at the tires and doors for about 10 minutes. Eventually, driving off was the only way to calm down the swan. Victories over adversaries do get creatures to calm down.

In August of 2010, oddly enough, the two adult swans and two new teenagers did arrive back at the pond. The teens had been born and raised somewhere else, of course. But now they were here. They've been there since. And the other day, December 3, they were still out there when I went by just before dawn as I drove to Main Beach.

I really don't know exactly what these last three years have been all about for the swans. But, like a whole lot of other people in town, I have my theories.

One thought I've had is that it was really only the same mommy and daddy in 2007 and 2008. In 2009, it was the same daddy, but with him was some young hussy, a sort of trophy wife who had persuaded him to show her his castle in the Hamptons. Wife number one lurked nearby, perhaps up at Three Mile Harbor, with a boyfriend. But then in the fall, after the pond dwellers left, she flew over in a rage and destroyed the nest.

So that's why they didn't come back this spring, 2010.

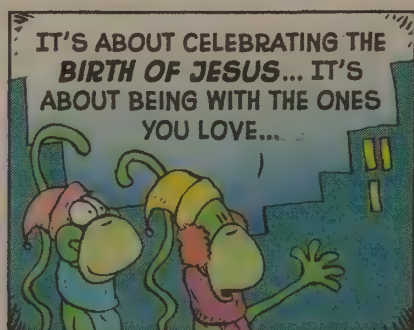
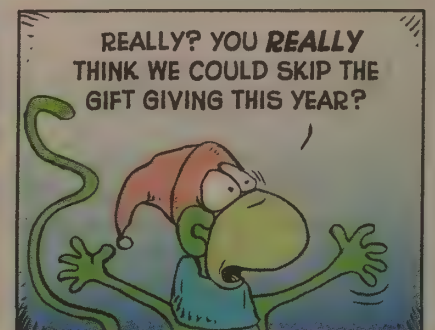
As for the return in the late summer, it really is baffling. Presumably they were a couple some-

where else nearby, perhaps in Accabonac Harbor or Northwest Harbor and they had the kids. Two of them, surviving turtle attacks, grew to be teenagers. Then in August they came over to Town Pond—the centerpiece of the town—hoping that with all the sturm und drang of the earlier families, it would be vacant—which it was. I imagine them pussy footing around for the first two weeks or so making sure the coast was clear. It was.

And so these four, the mommy and daddy and the two teenagers are now, um, squatting. They are here and really settled in and I suspect only ice will drive them away and even then maybe not. There's this 17th century colonial saltbox next to an old wooden windmill right across the street on Mulford Farm and in the saltbox are all these embroidered signs reading HOME SWEET HOME. John Howard Payne, the author of the song by this name, lived in that house growing up and missed it when he moved away I guess.

Another thought I had was that these two grownups are really the same ones that were here last year and the year before that and the year before that. It's just that this year, with the recession and everything, they just could not afford to rent the whole season. So they just took August. And now they are staying on late into the autumn and even on into the winter because they like it here so much.

They may just never leave, though this new batch of kids will fly south as soon as possible. Who the heck wants to live with their parents after they've grown up? Not them.



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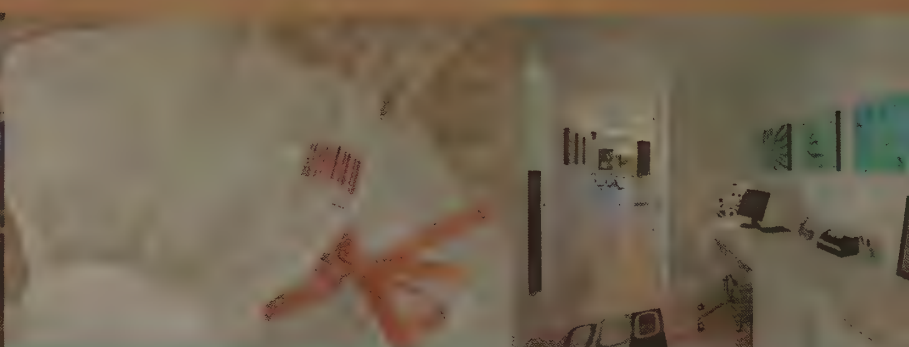
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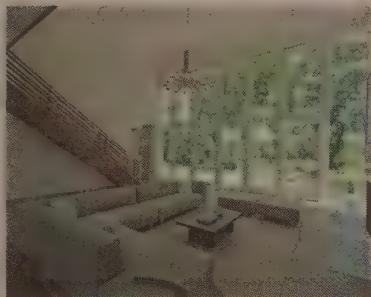
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I have a number of comments to make about this. First of all, the general public enjoyed these wonderful views until about 1990. When people built homes before then, they'd build them sitting in open fields with these great views in all directions. But since 1990, with the price of real estate going through the roof, these views have been shut off one after another as the rich, having spent a fortune for their little patch, have bordered their properties with impenetrable hedgerows effectively preventing anyone on the outside from looking in and themselves from looking out, except for where the wonderful view used to be enjoyed by all but now is to be enjoyed only by them.

So, yes, there is a problem. And it is true, if you cut down where these former vistas have overgrown you will have many of these wonderful views back to be enjoyed by all.

Environmentalism Larry Penny has endorsed this plan. On paper it has great promise. This is a community with many potential and actual wonderful views. Indeed, this is what is so attractive about eastern Long Island.

But the devil could be in the details. If this is just about clearing debris and picking up trash and beer cans and then doing a little pruning it would indeed be very wonderful. But it's just the stroke of a pen on an ordinance away from "clearing" sticker bushes filled with birds, butterflies, bugs and other tiny creatures that make up the natural environment. Do we really want to cut down and cart away the environment and sustenance that allows our fellow

residents of this planet to co-exist with us? And then there is the possibility of a bigger leap. A great view? Bring in the bulldozers and clear everything away. There it is. Wow.

The bulldozer part and the full clearing part is absolutely illegal. There have been many instances, including one by P. Diddy in Northwest Woods, where residents have cleared a view for themselves only to be fined and forced to pay for a re-planting of what was there before.

In the most recent example of this, there is a case before the court where a homeowner went on some vacant property he didn't even own and cut down all the trees that were blocking his view of the bay. Turned out the property was owned by the Nature Conservancy. This is a no-brainer, but it's a shame because even when you put things back it takes years for nature to bring it back to the level it had been with all its leafy ground cover, grasses, shrubs and so forth. Fortunately, nature has all the time in the world to get this done. We don't.

Larry Penny is indeed the man whose job it is to defend the environment. But this is a proposed new law. Larry will some day be gone. The law, if passed, won't. The town should proceed very carefully to make sure the wording of this plan is what we all have in mind—a beautiful world with wonderful views, lots of nature and song birds, fish and fowl and nobody messing it all up. We live in nature. Let's keep it that way even while making the best of it.

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but Tupper believes it will hit \$80,000 by the time all the pledge forms are in and counted.

Human Resources of the Hamptons (HR) provides aid to Town residents and their families who find themselves in need. There's a food pantry, as well as a clothing room where people can find necessary household items and even toys. Open all year round, HR arranges for meals at Thanksgiving. At Christmas time they provide packaged meals and wrapped toys, and even help those who can't afford to heat their homes when the temperatures start to drop.

Southampton Youth Services (SYS) employees and many other local business posted signs and did all they could to help raise money for the worthy cause. Many told me stories of those they knew who had always lived quite comfortably until the recession hit, and how they're now facing difficulties they'd never imagined while looking for jobs. This was their way of giving back for remaining fortunate during economic times like this.

Mother Nature even decided to make a contribution this year. What was supposed to be a frigid morning gave way to a beautiful, bright, sunny, 50-degree day. Something to be grateful for! Tupper wanted to extend her gratitude to everyone who came out and did the plunge in support of HR.

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As the last few weeks of 2010 are winding down, *Dan's Papers* 50th Anniversary year celebrations are also coming to a close. This past week, Dan Rattiner and Publisher Bob Edelman had the opportunity to play Santa to three very worthy local organizations as they distributed the funds raised from the *Dan's Papers* 50th Anniversary party last summer. Representatives from 88.3 Peconic Public Broadcasting, East End Hospice and Group for the East End were invited to our office in Bridgehampton to be presented with the checks from the Anniversary party.



Dr. Wally Smith, Bob Edelman, Shirley Wolfe



Judith Christrup, Dan Rattiner

Dan's Papers 50th Anniversary Art Show and Cocktail Party took place at 230 Elm in Southampton on Saturday, August 21. It was a first of its kind event for *Dan's Papers* and everyone was invited. Part art show/auction and part cocktail party celebration, over 700 *Dan's Papers* friends, advertisers and fans celebrated with sponsors Seven Tiki Rum, Exotic Classic Cars, Thos. Moser and McKenzie Tribe. A large enthusiastic crowd bid on

signed reproductions of *Dan's Papers* covers and purchased original artwork representing 50 cover artists, as well as original sketches by Dan himself. Additional monies were raised through a raffle of items donated by *Dan's Papers* friends and sponsors—including a one of a kind, custom leather jacket by Tani Keller, a silk jacket by Amy Zerner, collectible watches from Equipe Watch Company, jewelry and more.

During its 50th year, *Dan's Papers* also

held a Valentine's Day bake sale with all proceeds going to Have a Heart Community Fund, its 31st Annual Potato Hampton 5K in May with all proceeds going to Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, the 38th Annual *Dan's Papers* Kite Fly, and of course, the big 50th Celebration in August.

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Being Santa (continued from page 23)

with antlers. They stood in front of the sleigh in four rows of two chatting while standing upright on their hind legs. But they'd be ready when the time came. In front of them there was another reindeer with a red nose lit up.

We climbed up to the top of the sleigh, Mrs. Claus and I. Mrs. Claus showed me how I could jiggle a rope with sleigh bells wrapped around it to make them go faster, or jiggle it again to make them go slower.

Mrs. Claus, who in real life is the East Hampton Postmaster Carol Kroupa and has done this for many years, showed me the ropes way up there. In front I could look out at this sea of antlers atop people in reindeer suits. But we were still just waiting to turn into the line of the

parade, which was already going slowly by on Main Street. We would be at the end: the reason everybody was here. Meanwhile going by were fire engines, 20 dogs on leashes from the Animal Rescue Fund, the Dance Hampton dance troupe, a group of Go Karts from Midgett Motor Sports, the Charlie Brown Christmas Float from the YMCA Rec Center, a parade of farm tractors.

After awhile, a giant white snowman walked to the sleigh, took off his head and tucked it under his arm. I was looking at a smaller head—that of Henry Uihlein, the owner of Uihlein's Boat Rentals up at the Montauk Fishing Village. He held his hand way up and I reached down and shook it.

"Welcome Santa!" he shouted.

I had bought this really expensive Santa suit for the occasion. High black boots, red knickers with white fur lining, a big jacket with a giant black belt and silver buckle, white mittens, a beard (over my smaller beard), a white wig and a red Santa's cap. I also had on wire-rimmed glasses, which are my glasses in real life and which fit the bill. Under it all I wore long silk underwear and a bulky sweater. The wind chill that morning was in the 20s.

I waved a mittened hand to my wife watching and taking pictures 10 yards away on the lawn. I turned to my other wife, Mrs. Claus, who I had just met and told her we can't go on meeting like this.

And then, we started to move. And here's what this experience was like.

First of all, there was the sleigh itself. It was made of wood and was just a little bigger than a compact automobile, which apparently it was fitted over.

We could have sat on the bench up top there but Mrs. Claus told me it was a tradition that we stand and wave and I thought that a good idea, initially at least. In reality, we bumped along the street and we stood and did that but we had no rail or handle to hang onto. One false jerky stop and we could topple over the front and down to the street. Frontpage headlines is what that would be.

Miraculously, however, our driver, wherever the hell he was down below, treated us like the delicate royalty we were. All the way down Main Street and up Newtown Lane there was nary a jerk or a lurch.

As we bumped along—to the sounds of "Here Comes Santa Claus" emitting from below—I waved first to everybody on one side of the street then to everybody on the other side. One of the best parts of this was seeing some kid—age 2 to 7 roughly—looking directly at me with this amazed look on his or her face. I'd stare directly at this kid. I'd point at him with my index finger—the way movie stars or politicians point to somebody in the audience they recognize when they come on stage—and I'd give a thumbs up. The kid would react. Me! He pointed to Me!

We headed east down Main Street toward the traffic light and the windmill. Directly in front of us was a troupe of toy wooden soldiers marching in lockstep. The fake snow was swirling around. It was getting all over everything including my costume and hat and on the lenses of my glasses. I could see from the American flag fluttering on the flagpole in front of the Chase bank that the wind was coming from the north, so the snow was coming across our bow. I said this to my Misses:

"When we turn left onto Newtown Lane, the snow is going to be blowing directly into our faces."

"It always does that," she said.

I really got into this experience. Why not? Mrs. Claus asked me how I'd gotten here. I told her I got here by reindeer, and we'd arrived at the East Hampton Airport, me and my helpers, and I'd left the reindeer (the real reindeer) in the care of our stable elf for the duration—he had plenty of oat buckets—behind the passenger ter-

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In Spite of College, Windmill Got Lit for Xmas



David Lion Rattiner

By T.J. Clemente

The 18-year tradition of the holiday lighting of the windmill on the campus of Southampton College continued on Friday evening December 10 at 7 p.m., thanks to the efforts of friends of the lighting, alumni of the campus and officials from the Town of Southampton, the County and State. Even the Feds got involved.

It was touch-and-go on whether the event would actually come off. But after a cheery hot chocolate and holiday cookie reception inside Chancellors Hall, where the pre-lighting speeches were held indoors for the sheer comfort factor (it was 20 degrees with light snow flurries), the crowd of a 150 revelers walked bravely in unison up the hill toward the windmill to admire the victory of overcoming the plan by Stony Brook University—the parent of our cut-back campus—to cancel the lighting to save a few bucks.

On hand were many alumni such as State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, who helped behind the scenes. He proudly proclaimed, "I have now been to every one of the 18 lighting ceremonies, and hope to go to many more." Also on hand was the now re-elected Congressman Tim Bishop who spent 30 years working at Southampton College, most of the time serving as its Provost. He said he too was glad that Southampton Town Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst "had stepped in, with the co-operation of Stony Brook University to make this night happen."

Speaking at the ceremony were State Senator Ken LaValle, County Executive Jay Schneiderman, Throne-Holst, Thiele and Bishop. Southampton Councilman Chris Nuzzi was also present but did not speak, choosing instead to enjoy the festivities from the back of the crowd.

This joyful night highlighted the tragedy of a facility that had so recently been the beneficiary of tens of millions of dollars in state funding, but is now bereft and forlorn. The campus of Southampton College is a not a ghost town, but a place poised to be used again in some collegiate fashion. Its buildings are too well maintained and strong to be mothballed away for long. Visiting the campus for the ceremony I

could feel the excitement of holidays past when perhaps 300-500 students attended the lighting of the windmill, no doubt sampling holiday "cheer" and exploding with the sort of enthusiasm only college students can bring. That energy must return to this campus. With the need for the retraining for employment at a record high, with the need for our young people to study environmental solutions, and the importance of education never more obvious than in these difficult times, something simply has to be done to make these buildings vital again. The Southampton Campus of Stony Brook University must be economically viable so that it is not a drain on resources but a resource in

and of itself. The crowd of 150 stood as one in the chill, cheered through the whistling wind and the snow flurries. It was a scene right out of a heartfelt holiday film.

Then the lights on the windmill snapped on, white ones bordering the old windmill's blades, others on the mill itself. The crowd expressed relief that a tradition did not perish this holiday season.

One elderly woman said to me, "It's a shame the students aren't here. I always love when youth makes all the seasons flow with their fountain of energy."

I had to write that down.



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were built large enough to also accommodate occasional guests overnight. They were called First House, Second House and Third House. They were the only houses. The Montauk Lighthouse, built in 1796 by order of President George Washington, is six miles beyond Third House at Montauk Point.

Today, First House is gone, burned by fire in the 19th century. Second House is now a museum downtown and Third House, expanded several times from its original salt box configuration, is what was the original Deep Hollow Ranch with its thousands of acreage all around. It is on the basis of Third House that the designation "First Cattle Ranch in America" stakes its claim. Cattle have been fattened up on that ranchland for more than 350 years.

Montauk remained largely undeveloped until the end of the 19th century. In 1898, at the end of the Spanish-American War, President McKinley ordered the entire U. S. Army withdrawn from that island and taken to the barren land of Montauk to pitch tents for a month to either get over or die of the tropical diseases they had come down with in the mountains of Cuba. There were about 32,000 soldiers. The President feared an epidemic if they were allowed to return to their homes. The Army stayed a month, then, with surprisingly few deaths, went off by railroad to their hometowns across the country.

General William Shaftner presided over the army while they were here, but one of his subordinates was Teddy Roosevelt, whose Roughrider unit performed bravely in that war. Roosevelt

was the national hero. After leaving Montauk, he became Governor of New York, and after that President of the United States.

A developer named Carl Fisher tried to make a summer resort out of Montauk in the late 1920s and at that time built much of what is here now. He had bought Montauk from end to end, and that included the cattle ranch. He made two changes at the ranch. He built cabins out back of Second House, and to the south, cleared land and added a polo field, some pastures, barns and stables on the new property. But Carl Fisher's venture failed in the Crash of '29 and by 1932, his property was in bankruptcy.

In 1933, the legendary Manhattan advertising man Marion Harper leased Deep Hollow Ranch long-term from Carl Fisher as Fisher went through the bankruptcy. He did so because he wanted to please his wife Virginia, a horsewoman. He also did so to make a summer retreat for the executives at his advertising firm. They'd stay at the ranch and take their meals there. Then they'd go off riding on horseback, or hunting and fishing or shooting skeet. For the rest, Harper advertised the place as a sort of dude ranch as well as a working ranch. He continued to employ the three cowboys, Shank, Jack and Phin Dickinson, who were working there at the time along with ranch hands. The Dickinsons had grown up on the ranch and were the fifth generation of Dickinsons to run the place.

Harper also built, four miles away, along the shores of Lake Montauk on East Lake Drive, a small replica of a Tuscan castle for him and his

wife to call home in the summertime.

Marion Harper's ad agency empire grew and grew and grew and by 1960, his firm, now known as Marschak, was the largest in the world. Harper was Chairman of the Board.

On the home front, however, things were going badly. Virginia Harper, who was spending more and more time at the ranch, filed for divorce and it was soon learned she was having an affair with the foreman of the ranch, Phin Dickinson. In the divorce settlement, Virginia got the castle. But she also got the southern half of the ranch, with Marion retaining the northern half. Conveniently, the Montauk Highway runs right between these two halves. Marion got Second House and the 2,000 or so acres to the north. Virginia got the pastures to the south, about 20 acres, which also included barns and stables and the polo field, which had been built there earlier by Carl Fisher. Virginia Harper re-named her spread Indian Field Ranch.

Marion and Virginia Harper passed on, as did Phin Dickinson, but the ranch lived on, run now by the aging Shank Dickinson and his daughter, Diane.

Conveniently, there came to town at this time a young man from the suburbs of New York who was enamored of the cowboy life. His name was Rusty Leaver, and he got a job at the ranch and there courted and won the hand of Diane. He and Diane began to handle the affairs of the ranch around 1990 with Shank, now in semi-retirement, also employed there.

Around 1995, however, the County of Suffolk purchased Second House and all the ranch lands north of the highway from the descendants of the Fisher era and renamed the place Theodore Roosevelt County Park. When that happened, the Leavers, who still owned Indian Field Ranch, changed the name of their place back to Deep Hollow Ranch. They also made a lease with the county to run a riding stable, stagecoach ride and other services on the County Park land. Deep Hollow lived on.

Also during the 1990s, the Leavers ran a series of memorable rock concerts annually on their pastureland that attracted as many as 10,000 people sitting on hay bales in the pasture listening the likes of Billy Joel, Paul Simon and Jimmy Buffet, all of whom live in these parts. The concerts made millions of dollars and the Leavers

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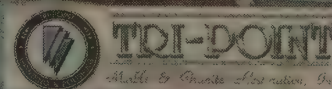
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Flurry of Businesses Come & Go in the Hamptons

By Susan M. Galardi

It's winter in the Hamptons, usually a peaceful time when some residents hunker down with NetFlix while the more intrepid host dinner parties with friends they never get to see in the summer, or make forays into restaurants that you can't get into during the season.

It's quiet on the streets. The summer retail businesses have been put to sleep, and the "pop-ups" have popped out of their temporary spaces. The seasonal restaurants have cheery "See you next Spring!" signs on the doors. Empty storefronts along our main streets remain a mystery until after the spring thaw, when the area starts once again to bustle with activity as summer renters and hopeful business owners prepare for fun and prosperity.

But this fall and winter in the Hamptons hasn't been so sleepy. In the last few months, we've already seen more activity than normal for this time of year. Looking ahead, we see new developments in the works—for good and bad. Some businesses and institutions have been saved, some new ones are coming in, and some are gone for good. Let's start with the bad news—things that have closed, and won't be coming back in the spring.

It was a shock to many when Saks Fifth Avenue in Southampton closed in October, after over 60 years. Poor sales revenue was the reason given by Saks corporate and Southampton wasn't the only victim: The retail icon closed seven stores in 2010. A spokesperson from Saks

also said that the Southampton space was too small to adequately represent the brand. About 35 people were employed at Saks Southampton, given notice that the store would close within a week.

Farther west, it was announced by the owners of Magic's Pub in Westhampton Beach that the 38-year-old establishment was closed suddenly because the State Liquor Authority denied its liquor license renewal. But this might be a temporary closure. According to the Pub's website, the owners are "committed to re-opening as soon as possible." What probably won't be re-opening, farther west, is *The Press of Manorville and The Moriches*, owned by the Press News Group headquartered in Southampton. That paper ceased publication this month.

But there was a new addition and an important save on the media side. Six months ago WEER 88.7 FM radio hit the airwaves, successfully purchasing a signal from a Connecticut station. The station, which is all local all the time (no affiliation with NPR, BBC or any other outlet) prides itself in being a true community station. It already has an impressive schedule.

On the save side, Peconic Public Broadcasting became the successful bidder to buy the radio license for the station from Long Island University—and they actually came up with



the money. It was touch and go, but fundraising efforts and the appearance of a few anonymous angels resulted in PPB winning the day. In October, General Manager Dr. Wally Smith wrote in this newspaper, "Our future ... will be rooted solidly in the core values that have made us

strong: a commitment to localism, education, the arts, intellectual curiosity, inclusiveness, insightfully presented content, engagement and inspiration."

All of us at *Dan's Papers* were rooting and rallying for Wally and his staff to prevail. 88.3 has been an important voice in the Hamptons, adding sophisticated arts program, as well as color and character to our community.

Speaking of character, other welcome additions to two of our towns (East Hampton and Bridgehampton) were unfortunately forced to close for financial reasons that were more complicated than simply not bringing in enough revenue (see article, page 25).

Almost eight years ago, Frank Calvo had a dream to open an old fashioned pharmacy with a soda fountain. The soda fountain part never came to fruition, but Calvo's old world "apothecary" opened on Main Street in East Hampton in 2003. Riding on that success, he opened a Bridgehampton branch. But abruptly last month, the Bridgehampton Pharmacy closed.

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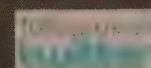
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sweater, Gladys got a new hat, the kid got a video game and his little sister got a dollhouse. And everybody loved the little Lionel Train set.

The next day, Bob and the kid carried me back up the hill. They put my roots and the ball of dirt back into the hole, stood me up really, really straight, and shoveled all the dirt back in and patted it down. Apparently, they wanted me to just go back to being who I was. They left. There were some little pieces of tinsel hanging off me here and there. I got some friendly teasing about that.

As for the rest, all anybody wants to talk about up here is what happened on that night. They tell me Santa and the reindeer came. Santa carried the presents down the chimney. Then they flew off. What was he like? they asked. You had to see him up close and personal.

I thought about making something up,



but in the end just told them the truth, which was that I was so excited I fell asleep and missed him. And that just shut them up. Never seen them shut up like that. At least for a while.

Oh well. There are some kids showing up now down at the house with some of those big plastic circle sleds and I think they are going to come up here. We've had about six inches of snow. They can't think they are going to go down the hill on those. Can they? How the heck can they even steer them?

Well, I've got to go. Never a dull moment at this house. And it's good to be home. There's never before been a spruce up here that's gone down to be a Christmas tree and lived to tell about it afterwards that I know. Maybe this is something new.

And I just slept through Santa. Nothing to tell. Hard to believe.

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donated those millions many local charities.

In recent years, the Leavers sold off several building lots that were made into home sites in the woods bordering the pastureland on the east. At the same time, the Leavers sold the development rights to the pastureland to the Town of East Hampton. It will never be used for anything other than agricultural uses. However, due to some unfortunate wording in the contract which created the building lots, the buyers received the right to use about 5 acres of the pasture for "recreational use" even as it was and remains an agricultural overlay. As a result of this, Leaver is no longer able to graze his cattle on those five acres of his pastureland. Near as I can figure, these people he sold the home sites to didn't want the cattle mooing over the fence and otherwise smelling like cattle. After all, they have these rights. And they have kids. Also thoroughbred horses. At the present time, an electric fence runs north to south across the pastureland and the Leavers only use the most easterly 17 acres for cattle grazing.

Though this is enough to continue the ranch, it was a sort of devastating blow to the Leavers and last year they put the ranch up for sale. But they will continue on, running the place as the Deep Hollow Ranch and continuing with their duties leasing part of the county park for the next five years.

Long live the Deep Hollow Ranch, "The First Cattle Ranch in America," as described by, well, Marion Harper himself, in about 1933. And he was, as I said, right about that.

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Giving to the Needy on the East End

By Stacy Dermont

Here on the East End of Long Island, amid the historic sites, mega mansions and chic shops, we have poor people. Remember "poor people"? In the 1980s they became "the homeless" and "the disadvantaged."

They need us and, in many ways, we need them. The majority of people who use our local food pantries are working people. If you're prepping salads or sweeping floors for \$8 an hour, you can't very well afford to feed, clothe and house a family here (or just about anywhere in the U.S.).

Many of those in need suffer from mental illness. I've worked with a local food pantry. Often those most in need are not "grateful" or even friendly. Perhaps we need those folks the most, to keep a sense of balance. Remember that giving is about giving freely, with no strings attached, always bearing in mind, "There but for the grace of God go I."

Due to the economy and the recent cold snap, the need here on the East End has intensified. Food pantries, shelters and coat drives have been overwhelmed. Currently over 1,000 families on the East End are receiving charity.

How to give? I've listed below our pantries and services. As much as they are grateful to receive edible food stuffs and warm, clean coats, please bear in mind: **The best way to support a food pantry is to make a monetary donation.** Our food pantry directors know best what foods are most needed and they order in bulk. Donated money goes farther than it would in a retail grocery store.

Also, "doing your part" means keeping a watchful eye out for people in trouble. It's not a crime to ask someone if they need help. That little old lady in the funny hat, your son's friend who never wears a coat, think about them. Ask the senior members of your family how they're doing financially and make sure that they look you in the eye as they answer. You may be very glad that you asked.

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Bridgehampton, NY 11932

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477-1717

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East Hampton, NY 11937

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288-1423

580 Main St.

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477-6607; 477-6469

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Thrift store open M-F 10-4 and Sat. 10-2.

Sag Harbor Community Food Pantry 725-0894

Distributes Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Old Whalers' Church

44 Union Street

(Send checks to: P. O. Box 1241)

Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Sagharborfoodpantry.com

Donations of nonperishable foods and coats accepted through side door when church open, at blue box at rear office when church closed. Coat drive ends April 1.

Springs Community Food Pantry 324-4791

Springs Community Presbyterian Church

distributes Wednesdays 4-6p.m.

5 Old Stone Hwy., East Hampton, NY 11937

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minal there.

"I took a taxi in," I said. "You?"

"Came here by Jeep."

"That's a long, difficult drive," I said.

She looked at me funny.

"From the pole," I said.

"Oh," she said.

"At least you had a Jeep."

There were two really amazing things about being adored from afar by children and their dotting parents standing alongside of the road. One was that I now know what it feels like to be a movie star. The other was the wide variety of reactions exhibited by these children seeing Santa Claus, right there in his remarkable regalia, in the flesh. It was TRUE!

They'd put their hands over their eyes and run and hide behind their mothers—this can't be happening fashion.

They'd stare at me in wonder.

They'd stare enthusiastically at me and jump up and down calling my name and waving.

They'd be overcome with emotion and hide behind their mother out of embarrassment.

They hadn't the slightest idea what the hell they were looking at.

They'd try to run out into the street to climb the sleigh and embrace me—it's him, it's true! It's true!—and had to be pulled back and restrained.

They'd smile shyly and flirt—always a little girl doing this.

I gave them all the same treatment: "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas, hi there, ho, ho, ho." And

then I'd try not to fall down, or I'd try to rub the fake snow off my glasses so I could continue to see who the hell I was waving at.

We arrived at the end of Newtown Lane where it meets the railroad crossing and there the matter ended. I had been told to hop down and walk to Bucket's Deli, which is right there, and wait for a police truck to come and take me back downtown. But when I hopped down, I was swarmed by Santa groupies of all ages wanting to shake my hand. After awhile, finally, I was rescued, plucked sort of, out of this melee up into the cab of this big police truck.

The officer looked familiar.

"You look familiar," I said.

"I went to high school with your son David," the officer said. "Graduated the same year."

"Name?"

"Matthew Kochanasez."

"I'll give him your regards," I said. Then I thought, how did he know who I was? Oh well.

I spent the next hour sitting on a bench in the lobby of the East Hampton Cinema holding court for parents bringing their children over to sit by me before going in to watch a Christmas movie. The parents had to haul the kids over if they were shy, or they'd have to restrain them from racing over. They'd do all of the things that I had seen out there on the street. There was no telling who would do what—flirt, hide, puff out their chests proudly, stare at me in awe, give me a big hug and tell me they loved me, become immediately terrified by me. It's all genetic is what it is.

"I love you too. Now be good. I'll be back Christmas night. What do you want again?"

"A bicycle."

"A race track."

"A game for my Xbox."

"A skateboard."

"A dollhouse."

I had a stack of coloring books to hand out.

"Take this gift. It's from the North Pole. But I've let it warm up here in the theatre. It's a coloring book."

"Say thank you," the parent would say, looking out from in back of a camera. "Now smile, both of you."

At noon, my wife, my real wife, and I walked along the sidewalk back down Main Street toward the church where we had parked the car three blocks away. As we walked along, two teenagers, a boy and a girl, talking to one another, came toward us. Suddenly, the girl held out her arms and ran right into me to give me a big hug. I hugged her back. Then she walked on.

"I told you," she said to her boyfriend, "that before this day was out I was going to hug Santa Claus."

When we climbed into the car, I took off my beard, wig and hat and tossed them into the back seat. From here on I'd be in disguise, as myself.

We went home. I built a fire in the living room, lay down on the sofa still in my Santa suit and slept for an hour.

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Who's Here

By David Lion Rattiner

For any big movie fan, it's a bit surreal to walk into Michael Lynne's office in Manhattan. Lynne is the Co-founder and former Co-CEO of New Line Cinema, and current Co-CEO and Co-Founder of Unique Features. Thanks to Michael Lynne, movie fans have been given blockbuster after blockbuster, including *The Lord of the Rings* series and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*.

He also owns a large estate in East Hampton and is the owner of the well-known and popular Bedell Cellars Winery in Cutchogue, and Corey Creek Vineyards in Southold—both on the North Fork.

Michael Lynne grew up in Brooklyn where his father was a lawyer and his mother was a home-maker. He attended Midwood High School and then went on to Brooklyn College as an undergrad. After graduation he attended Columbia Law School with intentions of becoming a lawyer.

"I was an English Lit major in college and when I graduated I think my father felt that I would be better off being some kind of a professional rather than being a poet or a writer for theatre," Lynne said. "I knew that being a doctor or an accountant wasn't for me, so I took the law boards, did well and ended up going to law school—not really knowing what that career path would bring. In my second year at Columbia I took a copyright course and during that time I learned that there was something called theatrical law. I said to myself, 'That's what I want to do.'"

During law school, Lynne spent a summer as an associate/clerk at the prestigious entertainment law firm Weissberger & Frosch in Manhattan. At that time the firm represented actors such as Richard Burton, Rex Harrison and Elizabeth Taylor, among others. "I spent a lot of time in that office one summer reading all of the contracts of these major stars and thought to myself, wow, I can do this, this sounds like fun."

After he graduated from law school, Lynne moved with laser-like focus to get into entertainment law and landed a job at another prestigious firm, Colton & Fernbach. "They represented just about everybody on Broadway. There were only five lawyers there and I was one of them, but of course at that time I was the lowest man on the totem pole. We represented many iconic figures of Broadway at the time such as Richard Rogers, Hal Prince and George Abbott. Theatre had always been something I had been interested in through college so it was a natural extension."

Lynne spent three years at that firm and



*Michael Lynne,
Producer*

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then in the late '60s went on to Embassy Pictures as in-house counsel. At that time Embassy was run by Joe Levine from Boston who brought Italian movies over to the United States and released them with English dubbing. "The first three pictures I worked on at Embassy were *The Graduate*, *The Lion in Winter* and *The Producers*, so that was pretty amazing. It was then I got the bug for film," Lynne said with a laugh.

This was all before the digital age and among many of the interesting things that he did for Embassy Pictures was count tickets. "I remember very distinctly when *The Graduate* was first released and it played in Cinema 1 over on Third Avenue in Manhattan. What I did was physically go down to the theater and count the people on the line to make sure the theater was giving us a fair count. Joe would always have somebody at the theater, day and night, doing just that."

From Embassy, Lynne went on to work in television at the firm Barovick & Konecky as a lawyer, and "almost organically started to

develop my own clients."

Eventually he got the confidence to start his own practice with a man named Richard Blumenthal, who he had worked with at Colton & Fernbach and had since started his own firm. By bringing in his own stable of clients, Lynne developed a partnership with him. "We had a long run and did great. Really great."

Lynne and Blumenthal began working together in 1972 and they continued together until 1990. From there he went to New Line Cinema. "I got involved with New Line in 1980 when I reconnected with Bob Shaye, who founded New Line because our daughters were in the same class at Dalton."

Lynne then addressed the bank debt of New Line, which wasn't structured right from the beginning. "I told him that I would need a \$10,000 retainer to address the debt struc-

ture and could hear him gulp over the telephone. He has since then told me that at the time he agreed to it, the company had about \$20,000 in its bank account. That tells you how far New Line has come since those days."

After working with New Line Cinema and working through its initial problems, Lynne and Shaye were able to put it in a position to go public on the American Stock Exchange in 1986. As a public company, New Line Cinema did very well. In 1994 they merged it with Turner Broadcasting which in turn merged with Time Warner, who merged with AOL. They weathered each merger. After that, Bob Shaye and Michael Lynne began Unique Features, which today has a first look deal with Warner and currently has about 15 projects in various stages of development.

A true fan of food and wine his whole life, Lynne went into the wine business after all of his enormous success in the movie business. Using his artistic and business touch, he has been able to position Bedell Cellars and Corey Creek among the top vineyards in the country. "I just thought it would be a lot of fun to own a winery and I was in a position to do that 12 or so years ago," he said. "I felt that I wanted to do something close to New York and fell in love with the North Fork. It's gorgeous there and I'm in touch with Bedell and Corey Creek every day."

Many restaurants throughout the Hamptons and the North Fork serve his wine.

Lynne is a true believer, leader and admirer of the East End, "The beauty of the East End is just so extraordinary. It is just such a feast for the eye and the local produce and restaurants are amazing. The air is so sweet and the feeling I get when I'm there is wonderful. It's a very appealing alternative for our New York City life. I just love it."

In This Election, Your Vote Really Counted

By T.J. Clemente

On Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 8:45 a.m., the extremely close election for the First Congressional District came to an end as Republican challenger Randy Altschuler called the East End's longtime Congressman Tim Bishop to concede. Bishop said he was pleased at the "gracious and honorable" tone that Altschuler used in congratulating him.

The Congressman and I had a chat while walking to the windmill lighting on Friday night at the Southampton College campus. Bishop, who served as Provost there until 2002, told me he raised \$480,000 in case he had to wage a protracted legal battle concerning about 1,000 write-in votes contested by Altschuler.

Altschuler's legal team, led by attorney Vincent J. Messina, made this challenge on the grounds of possible double voting or improper residency issues. However, it was soon decided that the battle wouldn't be won in State Supreme Court Justice Peter H. Mayer's courtroom, because even if Altschuler won a vast majority of his challenges, Bishop still would've received more total votes. As it turns out, the final tally will forever read: Tim Bishop 98,316 votes, 50.15%; Randy Altschuler 97,723 votes, 49.85%—a difference of 593 votes.

Bishop remembered how he felt on the day after the election, when he was informed that his 3,400 vote lead was actually an approximately 300 vote deficit—there had been an error in the reporting. "It made for a tough night," he said, adding that his daughter played an instrumental

role in crafting the winning strategy to have a count of the 11,000 absentee and proxy votes. Bishop said that he felt stronger as the results came in. "We gained ground every day," he said, "and my confidence rose."

Bishop said that, even as a member of the Democratic minority, he plans to move ahead with filing legislation. He talked of his relationship with incoming Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner that developed during their service together on the House Education Committee. Bishop also mentioned that, as a senior member of the Higher Education Sub Committee, he'll focus on extending the Perkins Student Loans Program beyond 2012. The Congressman also plans to fight for exemption of estate taxes for family farms, and *against* any legislation that hurts "middle class families."

"I'll pick my spots," he said, referring to issues where he'll co-operate with the Republicans, but he added that when he perceives any legislation from any party to be "hurtful to the middle class families in the district," that he "will resist it."

Bishop explained that his mandate lies in two major areas. First is service to his district, helping "everyone" who has a problem with the federal government and welcoming anyone to contact his district or Washington office to ask for support. Second is with national legislation, both for the country and for the district. Bishop pointed to his work protecting our troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan from toxic waste fires, as well as to local farm legislation.

Asked point blank why he was glad he won the

election instead of Altschuler, Bishop said, "I know every inch of the district. I was born in it, I went to high school in it, I worked in the district for 30 years before I became a Congressman and I plan on living here after I am a Congressman." His point was that Altschuler had lived in the district for less than 10 years.

The election also raised issues pertaining to residency for voters with two homes. It seems Republicans and Democrats have opposing views on residency issues, as Altschuler spokesman Rob Ryan pointed to CountryVote.org—a website that Ryan said was established by Democratic lawyers to encourage wealthy New York City Democrats with second homes in the Hamptons to register to vote in the district of those second homes. Suffolk County Democratic Chairman Gordon Herr took the opposite view, saying that a homeowner can vote in the district of any his homes if he registers there, but also reiterating the one man one vote rule. Herr invites all to check out the wisdom of CountryVote.org.

Before going to the windmill lighting, Bishop attended the annual Jr. ROTC in Greenport. He was still making appearances everywhere he could around the 1st Congressional District—a trademark of his service.

Bishop asked me to convey his heartfelt thanks to the voters, volunteers and supporters who helped finance the victory both before and after the election, as well as his staff both in the district and in Washington. Bishop also wanted to thank Randy Altschuler for a "clean, honorable, election"—even when the going got rough.

Businesses (continued from page 37)

And last week, the East Hampton flagship store was no more, despite a last ditch effort to bring on investors.

Calvo's pharmacies were right on the mark with their small town U.S.A. feel—a real boon to Hampton's Main streets—particularly North Main in East Hampton, which greatly benefited from the much needed charm. Frank Calvo and his apothecaries will be missed.

Another private business that had several Hamptons locations experienced both comings and goings this year—Citarella, which opened its first two stores on the East End in 1997, in East Hampton and Watermill. Living for 20 years on the Upper West Side, just six blocks from the Citarella institution on W. 75th Street and Broadway, I was happy to have the stores meet me in the Hamptons on the weekends. Not that I stopped going to the great farmers markets and specialty stores out here—Citarella simply added to the wealth of choices. In 2005, Tutto Italiano by Citarella opened in the Red Horse Market, with a pizza oven, fresh mozzarella maker, and myriad Italian delicacies. The Bridgehampton Citarella, right next to *Dan's Papers*, followed in the Spring of 2009. But this past October, within the span of about a week, both Tutto and the Watermill Citarella closed. One of the reasons the company gave for closing Tutto was that their plan to create a pizzeria, requiring indoor seating, was denied by East Hampton Village. But this almost 100-

year old company, like Gloria Gaynor, will survive. Over the century, they've learned how to get along. Rumor has it there are plans afoot to open a Citarella store in Southampton, putting them in prime real estate in three golden locations, Southampton, Bridgehampton and East Hampton.

But the upscale food store will have some friendly competition to the east. The former Plitt Ford building in Wainscott is getting nearer and nearer to a plan for a high-end food store, and everyone out here is chanting "Trader Joe's! Trader Joe's!" Last June, Gregg Saunders of Sagaponack bought the property during a two-day auction. His plan is to make it a Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, or Wild by Nature. East Hampton Town's first review of the plan, in September, was favorable. It's now going before the various review boards.

Finally, another high-end chain, this one in the home décor arena, is coming our way. The news hit the streets earlier this month, and has recently been confirmed that Restoration Hardware will open at 69 Main Street in East Hampton, where Tommy Hilfiger was most recently. Construction has already begun on the interior, with a plan that the store will open in early Spring. It will be another jewel in the crown of East Hampton, already home to Tiffany, many Ralph Lauren stores (but no Ralph Lauren Home), BCBG and J. Crew, to name just a few. Hamptonsites are torn about

such developments—we bemoan the loss of the mom & pops and the feeling they gives to our unique, historic towns, yet we like the convenience and choice that comes with having these kinds of businesses nearby.

But the local color won't be stripped from the Hamptons. Outside of the retail arena, expansive properties continue to be saved, or semi-saved. Just last week, Deep Hollow Ranch in Montauk, home to horse trail rides and benefit concerts over the years, was sold by Dianne and Rusty Leaver to J. Crew CEO Mickey Drexler for around \$11.4 million. Drexler plans to keep the Leavers on board for at least five years to run the ranch as usual, thus preserving both the tradition of this working horse farm and the gorgeous vista it gives us. (See article, page 23.)

And it looks as though another farm will be saved in perpetuity—the Iacono Farm on Long Lane in East Hampton, sought out for decades for its prized free-range chickens and eggs. The East Hampton Town board plans to use CPF monies to purchase the rights to the 7.7 acre farm. The Iaconos are pleased with the deal, plan to keep raising chickens and perhaps lease some land to other farmers for crops.

Things come, things go. And this year, more of that is happening than it has in recent years. While some of the losses are disappointing, the gains are a sign of a vitality and promise for a new year in the Hamptons.

The Story of a Sag Harbor Man and His Cat Freeda

By Danielle Remkus-Pardue

My uncle, Ron Remkus, grew up in Sag Harbor and still lives there. He is one of the hardest working, most dedicated and kindest people I know. He is a personal hero of mine.

Growing up, visiting Ronny always meant visiting his companion as well: Maxx, a wise golden retriever. The two were a team, more like brothers than pet and master. Ronny was, and still is, a bachelor, so he loved his animals as though they were friends. He made a comfortable life with Maxx—as buddy and confidante. But Ronny's love for animals went beyond goldens. He had buckets of feed in his garage designated for wild animals. Perhaps they could use a little help in the winter.

On August 20, 2002, after Maxx suffered a long time from Lyme disease, his liver started to fail. Soon, Ronny was forced to have his best friend put to sleep. Maxx's death shook the whole family. But I think that what happened next was nothing short of divine intervention: Two souls in need of companionship for different reasons were brought together.

In the fall of 2002, Ronny noticed three feral cats in his back yard. He began to leave food out, planning to befriend them, capture them and have them spayed or neutered. Using traps, he succeeded. And when he returned home with the cats, he released them. Two ran off. But one did not. She hung around. She was a small female Calico. He named her Freeda.

"No matter how much I love her," Ronny told

his family, "she will always be free."

Everyone knows it is impossible to tame a feral cat. Or is it?

For seven years, Ronny left food for her every day, watching her through his window. Skittish, she would eat the food he left for her on the patio and run. But Ronny was determined. He started by putting a pet bed on the back stair. Then he built a tiny house for her. He installed a heating pad inside and then lined the house with straw so that she would never be cold. In snow, he plowed paths for her: to her food bowl and to her house. Every evening he set a bowl with her dinner outside the back door. When she arrived, he would talk to her. Soon, Freeda began to sniff at his hand.

Finally, last fall, Freeda let him touch her.

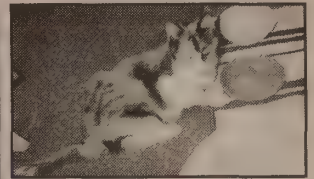
"Just these two fingers, right on the top of her head!" he said.

He told that story in amazement to whomever would listen. By the end of 2009, Freeda had consented not only to being touched, but to being held. She also began to explore Ronny's house before running off. In January, 2010, she spent her first night inside.

Ronny spoiled her. He learned that she loved American cheese. He brushed her daily, and after awhile, every night, always at the same time, she began to come "home." A cat that once had nowhere to go and who bore the scars of an



Ronny and Freeda



unforgiving life had become a princess who enjoyed fresh fish caught by Ronny. Soon, at night, she was sleeping on his chest.

Ronny did admit there was one skill he thought Freeda would never devel-

op: play. Her existence had been rough-hewn from an unfriendly environment. Every moment had been about survival, and so she was suspicious of toys. But in the end, after trying who knows how many games, she finally became Ronny's willing and tireless playmate.

Everyone who hears this story is incredulous that a feral cat—the animal kingdom's hermit—could trust a human. It defies logic. But love, by definition, always defies logic.

Freeda never depended on Ronny; she was always a hunter. Indeed, the most touching thing about the love between Freeda and Ronny was freedom. Ronny loved Freeda because he chose to: It is his nature to love ambitiously. Freeda loved Ronny because she chose to: She had been

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Catherine's Cleaning of The Hamptons

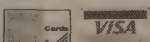
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ESTATE OF MIND

by T.J. Clemente



Tuckahoe, Plan B

The proposal process for a new development in the Tuckahoe hamlet of Southampton continues. Last year, developer Robert Morrow submitted a plan he titled "Tuckahoe Main Street," with a 40,000 sq. ft. King Kullen as the centerpiece, a bank, possibly a drug store, a coffee shop, a 5,000-sq.ft. free-standing restaurant and another 50,000-sq.ft. of various retail space—along with acres of blacktop parking lots. More than half of that proposed site is zoned as residential property, so Morrow asked for a Planned Development District (PDD) requiring a 12.419-acre zoning change. That request was met with enough local opposition to table it, that would include buildings and parking area.

Morrow is now back with a new plan to build three buildings on the south side of Route 39, west of P.C. Richards, on the property that now houses the Enclave Inn. The plan is to for those buildings as well as a 40,000 sq. ft. structure for King Kullen, a 3,500 sq. ft bank building and a 15,000 sq. ft. building for perhaps three more stores. It has come to light that Morrow owns rights to purchase the Enclave property.

Tuckahoe Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair Bonnie Goebert is not a fan. "Our CAC continues to be opposed to placing a 40,000 s.f. King Kullen on CR-39," she said. "This building will be twice the size of the Mercedes dealership across the street. We are extremely concerned about the traffic problems that will arise from a supermarket of this size on CR-39. Specifically, we feel it will make CR-39 even more unsafe and congested."

Goebert continued, "This supermarket will have a very deleterious impact on neighboring communities that will now have to deal with huge delivery trucks as well as a constant flow of automobiles careening through small residential streets trying to avoid CR-39. In order to advance his plan, Mr. Morrow again has to get Town Board approval for a change of zoning from HB to SCB (Shopping Center Business). And, he will have to offer a significant community benefit as well. Highway Business zoning along CR-39 is in place to avoid exactly this type of unnecessary, high traffic development. I do not believe that the CR-39 Corridor Study will see this as acceptable development."

Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst said that she's glad that Morrow is attempting to adjust his plans to the concerns of the community by moving his location and scaling back the proposal. Southampton Town Councilman Nuzzi, when asked for a comment, stated that as of now nothing has been reviewed by the board. It may be noted in an early procedural vote on Morrow's last plan, Nuzzi was the first Southampton Board member to vote against the original Tuckahoe Main Street proposal.

Many in the area have been saying the

Southampton Village/Tuckahoe Hamlet area needs another grocery store because Waldbaum's just doesn't completely fill the needs of the area's residents. The CAC's Goebert said she believes the Bridgehampton King Kullen is the chain's largest grossing store and that the proposed King Kullen on CR-39 would most likely surpass the Bridgehampton store in annual sales. Many opponents fear that the apparent need for another supermarket in the area might make this, in their opinion ill-conceived venture, succeed. Residents in opposition say that they will forever fight to prevent this area of Southampton from becoming like Nassau County. The activists of the Tuckahoe area who want to preserve as much of the hamlet as possible for posterity have to be admired for their zeal. However, fighting change is an up-hill battle because people who own land also have rights.

It will be interesting to see how this proposal evolves and if the community again acts as one fist to knock out this King Kullen proposal. One CAC member, a former opponent, thinks this plan may just succeed. Why? Because, as he said, "This time it's no where near my house."

The fact is this site is not near to very many homes. But Goebert is dead on about potential traffic problems during peak driving times in season. No doubt the town planners will have to weigh that concern, just as they did before opposing a Shinnecock casino on the Southampton reservation.

Perhaps Nuzzi showed some wisdom when he reminded us that the plan "has not been reviewed by the Town Board." In other words, let's see the final proposal.

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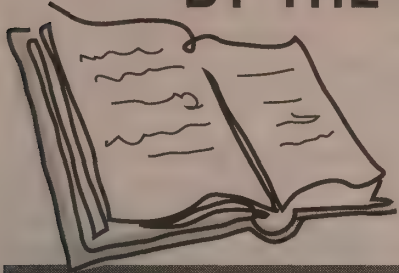
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BY THE BOOK



The Warmth of Other Suns

By Stacy Dermont

Once in awhile a book comes along that changes your whole outlook. *The Warmth of Other Suns, The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson is the rare book that will color your every perception with new insight.

"The great migration" refers to the migration of black Americans from the south to the north during the 20th century. Six million Americans relocated between 1915 and 1970, including the author's parents.

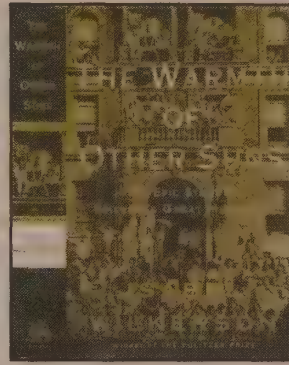
The magnitude of this population shift may only be matched by the ignorance of fellow Americans on this subject. I have read my share of "black history" books and many "American history" books but I really had no clue as to the size and root causes of one of the largest migrations in human history. Before reading this tome, I was allowed to believe that most black people moving north did so because of the boll weevil's effect on the cotton industry and due to the coming of the tractor, which displaced farm hands. *The Warmth of Other Suns*

shows that the majority of blacks moving North were actually coming from cities. In fact it was the more educated who were most likely to emigrate.

I often thought of local people I know while reading this book. Deacon Kent Brown who sings so beautifully at the Baptist Church in Bridgehampton every Sunday came here at age 14 in the 1950s. He got his start working in "the big houses" for summer people. He went on to establish his own landscaping company, buy a home and raise a family. I always thought it remarkable what he and other African Americans accomplished in the face of racism in the North. I didn't realize what a struggle it had been for them to get here in the first place.

The Great Migration followed the train routes. The trains and many migrants came to Bridgehampton, largely from the Carolinas. They harvested potatoes and other crops. This workforce was referred to as "the problem" as late as the 1950s and, until three little girls burned to death in the chicken coop they slept in, proper housing was denied them. The Bridgehampton Childcare and Recreation Center, still going strong today, came into being during the Great Migration years.

Wilkerson tells it best when she writes: "The actions of the people in this book were both universal and distinctly American. Their migration was a response to an economic and social structure not of their making. They did what humans have done for centuries when



life became untenable what the pilgrims did under the tyranny of British rule...what the Irish did when there was nothing to eat, what the European Jews did during the spread of Nazism...They did what human beings looking for freedom, throughout history, have often done. They left."

This book offers many hard statistics and scientific studies to make its points. But it is an entertaining social history that is

related in large part through first person accounts. The reader is invited to follow the many trials, tribulations and triumphs of three main storytellers: sharecropper Ida Mae Gladney, porter George Starling and surgeon Robert Foster.

White Americans heard about lynchings in the South from time to time over the years but they didn't generally hear the stories of Americans like the 10-year old black boy who sent Christmas card to a white girl. For this "crime" he was mutilated and drowned in front of his father by a group of white men who went unprosecuted.

This book elucidates how very like slavery life was in the South well into the 20th Century. It shows to what extent black southern Americans were abandoned by their government after Reconstruction. People were kept in bondage, denied education and the most basic human rights. And yet these people survived, thrived and, lucky for all of us, have made manifold contributions to American culture. This book is an American masterpiece.



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Antsy Technicians

But if the weather is mild, the phone doesn't ring and my techs get antsy. I hate to send them home when it's slow, but I have no choice. That's why I've come up with this plan that may sound "crazy" at first...but I think you'll love it.

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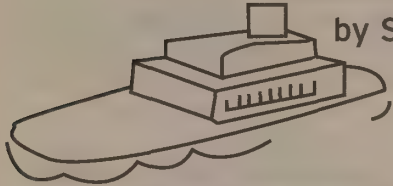
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THE SHELTERED ISLANDER

by Sally Flynn



Last Minute Gift Ideas

For the person who has everything: A heated, scented toilet paper spindle.

Toilet paper, and the need for it to be perfect for its purpose, has become an advertising gold standard as far as I am concerned. There are still people living today who used outhouses as kids and used pages from the Sears catalogs and other print advertising as toilet paper. And that still sounds like a perfect use for junk mail today. We all hear about the brilliant moments when inventors, like Edison, came up with the light bulb, but we seldom hear about the lesser flashes of genius, such as must have occurred in an outhouse one day.

Some future inventor was sitting in the outhouse, finishing the paper work, when, FLASH! He had a break through moment. What if people would buy special paper for this purpose? Clean paper just to dirty up and throw away? Could it be sold to the American public as viable? As necessary? Could it be sold at all? Did he see it all then, right before his eyes? Soon the clean paper would be rolled, and then come in pastel colors to match new indoor bathrooms,

then we'd have clean, rolled, pastel-ed and scented; then clean, rolled, pastel-ed, scented and cushiony soft. How far could this simple idea go?

I say, heated. Clean, rolled, pastel-ed, scented, cushiony soft, and now pre-warmed, courtesy of hot air passing through the spindle. I believe if the American buttock is intelligent enough to discern clean, soft paper, pastel-ed, rolled and ready, it can probably detect minute differences in temperatures, and with further scientific study, can probably predict fluctuations in the Dow Jones and be taught to sing an aria as well.

Here are some last minute gift ideas for those who have slacked off:

Ferry Tickets: On the Island, ferry tickets are gold. One, two or a whole pack is as welcome a gift as new socks or a bottle of fine wine. And if you don't have tickets, a promise to pick you up for an off-island trip is just a valuable.

Babysitting coupons: When I didn't have anything else to give as a teen, I made up babysitting coupons and gave them as gifts. I tried to give them to young, married couples who didn't have any kids yet. It made them say, "ooooohhh... that's so sweet." I got full credit for giving a gift, but didn't have to deliver. I didn't have to baby sit any rotten kids who would tell me, "The dog always helps wash the dishes," or, "We're allowed to call our uncle in Australia anytime we like after six o'clock," or, the best one I was told: "My mother always lets me wear her good jewelry to go outside and play." Even I knew her mother's jewelry wasn't "good"—the pearls were fake—she just wanted everyone to think they were real, so she kept them in a black velvet bag in their own box. Which, by the way, has worked very well for me too.

"Sally, you have a 24-inch strand of South Sea pearls? Can I take them out for a minute? I'll put them right back in the little bag, I promise."

Library Book Sneak Backs: A little used, but great gift, is a promise to sneak someone's overdue books back into the Library for them so they don't get embarrassed.

Car-charged Gadget: Somebody needs to invent a hot chocolate maker that can plug into the car charger. We all take coffee or hot chocolate to the ferry lines with us, but sometimes it just doesn't last and we really need the ability to make a fresh cup right there. My mother always bought two cups of hot chocolate when she took the North Ferry on her way to work the night shift at ELIH. One for her and, mercifully, one for the deck hand working that night. There's a saying, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody gonna be happy." I would extend that on Shelter Island to include, "If the ferrymen aren't happy, ain't nobody gonna be happy, and ain't nobody gonna go nowhere neither."

Being There: But the best gift of all really, is still just showing up. Just coming to see someone's tree is a gift. I try to collect one ornament from each tree I visit, as sort of a memento of the moment. And to honor that memory, I put that ornament on my tree. I love any little nautical ornaments, especially seahorses and mermaids, although people with seahorses and mermaids don't seem to ask me over much anymore... they must be too busy trying to think of a way to warm up their toilet paper for the holidays.

Guest toilet paper! I forgot all about special guest toilet paper. Just like all guest items, to be viewed, but never used. Yup, I think I have now completely covered my, um, topic.

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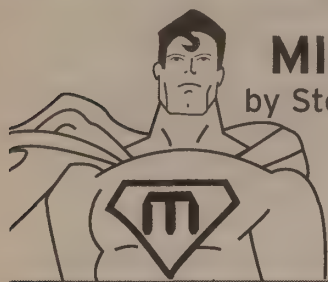
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CAPTAIN MICROCHIP

by Steven A. Ludsin

'Tis the season to be generous so it shouldn't be surprising that 16 tycoons have agreed to give away their fortunes. Well-known people like Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook Inc., have signed the "Giving Pledge"—to commit publicly to give away the majority of their wealth.

There are more than 50 donors. The Giving Pledge is organized by software mogul Bill Gates and investor Warren Buffett to persuade the world's rich to boost their giving. Now, you may ask, what does that have to do with technology or gadgets? I thought it was significant that many of these 50 philanthropists made their fortunes in technology.

I recently attended a forum sponsored by the NYU School of Philanthropy and Fundraising about social media like Facebook and Twitter and their impact on charities. I am an adjunct instructor in their continuing studies division. The use of social media has enhanced the philanthropic world by reaching more people and creating organic affinity groups. The ability to text message small donations has been enormously helpful for emergencies. I was disap-

pointed to discover that there is a donations ban on the iPhone via charity apps. Apps are essentially gadgets within your gadget. So far, no one has data on how many nonprofits have created apps for the iPhone. Organizations like the American Cancer Society have them, but none can be used to make gifts. Instead, donors are directed out of a nonprofit's app and to its Web site, which the organizations say makes the process of contributing more cumbersome. When you're popped out of an app, you then have to go through many clicks to make a donation. Those extra steps can hamper donations. In protest, some people planned to replace the iPhone with a phone that used Google's Android operating system. There's an online petition invoking the Grinch and seeking to draw the attention of Steven P. Jobs, Apple's chief executive, which has attracted more than 1,600 signatures. An Apple spokeswoman declined to explain the rationale for banning charitable solicitations via apps, saying only, "We are proud to have many applications on our App Store which accept charitable donations via their Web sites." One of Apple's major objections has been that if donations were to go through its payment mechanism, it would have to be in the business of managing and distributing funds and verifying charities.

Apps have the potential to become a core revenue source for nonprofits. After the earthquake in Haiti, Apple itself solicited donations for the American Red Cross through iTunes, establishing a precedent for iPhone-assisted donations. That increased speculation that the real issue was money. Apple takes a 30% slice of purchases made from the App Store, an amount that would be frowned upon if it were to be taken out of a charitable donation.

In August, eBay's PayPal unit introduced a donation feature that enabled charitable gifts through its app for the iPhone, teaming up with MissionFish, which helps nonprofits raise money on eBay. Two months later, Apple demanded that PayPal eliminate the donation system from its app. A spokesman for PayPal said it was on the brink of introducing a similar feature for its Android app. I guess it's a case of comparing Apples to Androids.



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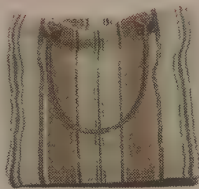
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The hardest part for me to share is that little Freeda passed away on October 16. Friday night, she was listless, and had no appetite. Ronny took her to bed and stroked her until they both fell asleep. When he awoke Saturday morning, she didn't stir. She hadn't made it through the night. Ronny was crushed, and is still mourning her. He hated the idea of her being buried outside in the cold. Instead, he had her cremated so that she would forever stay warm and comfortable in his house. As Ronny said goodbye, his last words to her were: "My Freeda...born free, lived free, died free."

We've all had our hearts broken by untimely departures. At some point, each such love story touches us all. I can only hope to be as steadfast and dependable to those whom I cherish as Ronny was to Freeda. I will try and follow his example. More importantly, I'm blessed to have known Ronny and Freeda and have had this opportunity to learn from them.



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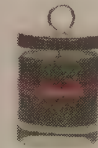
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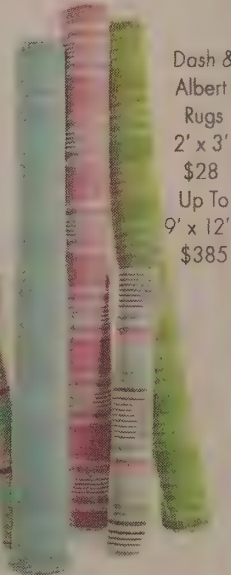
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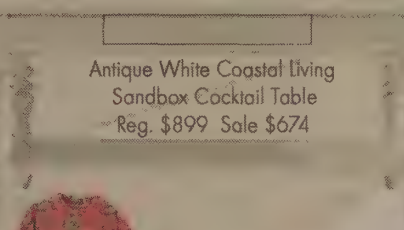
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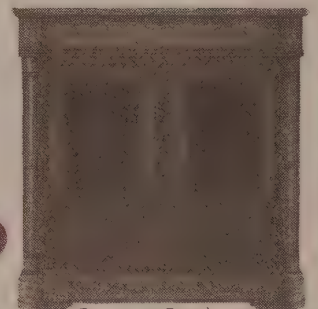
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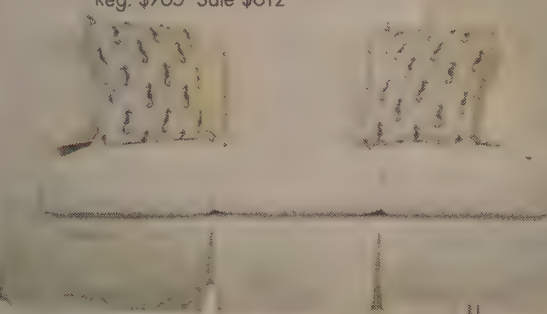
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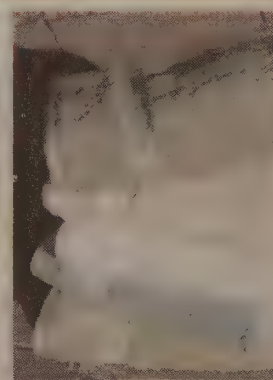
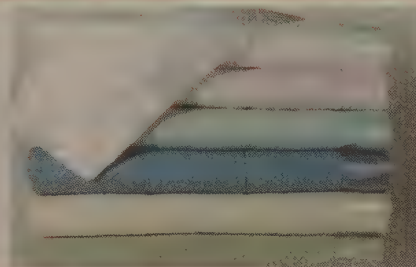
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Last week I got a call from a buddy of mine and the conversation began like this, "Did you go bankrupt in Arizona?"

"Huh?" I said.

"I just Googled your name and it says you went

bankrupt in Arizona," he said.

"It's another David Rattiner. I've never been to Arizona and have never been bankrupt."

I've known about this for a while because I've Googled myself on countless occasions. There is a David Rattiner who is 45 and went bankrupt, not that it's any of my business, but I looked into it. I have never been bankrupt. Things are just fine with me thank you very much, my credit score is perfect.

But it did get me thinking how in the age of the Internet, you really can't hide. What if it was me who went bankrupt? That's personal information that I wouldn't want out there. I don't even want to be associated with someone by the same name!

I mentioned this to my colleague here at *Dan's Papers*, Martin Kelly, who told me that he has

had issues at airports because apparently there is another man with the same name as him who is on the FBI's no-fly list. "We all should have our own Internet number or something that we attach to our names online," Martin said.

Luckily for Martin, he has a pretty common name, but my name is uncommon, I think, and of course, a guy with my name, whom I have never met nor have no relation to, went belly up for whatever reason.

What bothers me most is that there's nothing I can do about this. It probably doesn't affect my life very much, but I think it could be a potential problem because I think that it's pretty normal to Google somebody these days to see what they are up to. I don't want people mistaking me for somebody that I'm not.

This got me thinking about a bigger issue, privacy. If you think about it, pretty much anybody can find out a great deal of information about you by typing your name into a search engine. I know this is nothing new, but as time goes on, I think that it's going to become a bigger issue in the digital age. There has to be a way that we can verify facts and clear up the inaccurate information. Somehow somebody is going to have to solve that because privacy is too important. But inaccuracies online are so prevalent with fraudsters that it has become almost comical. Trusted websites such as wikipedia are constantly filled with DRAMATIC inaccuracies or even deliberate inaccuracies because the entire website is self-regulated.

This all got me pretty irritated. A good reputation anywhere is important.

Apparently there's very little that you can do if something goes up online with your name attached to it that you don't want to be there. In fact, it's pretty hopeless. You can't even pay money to get something off of the Internet, even when it should be taken down.

The company that hosts the website that reported this poor guy's bankruptcy is daily-court.com. I called them up to see if they would be willing to take the information down, or at the very least, include the guy's middle name or his age or something that would show that we are two completely different people.

"I'm sorry sir, there's nothing I can do."

I called Google in New York City, just for good measure and I was told over the phone almost instantly that it was beyond their control to remove unwanted information online.

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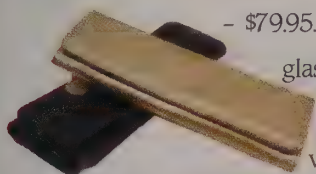
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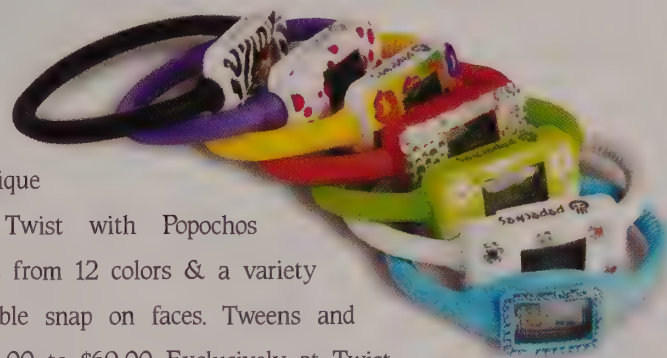
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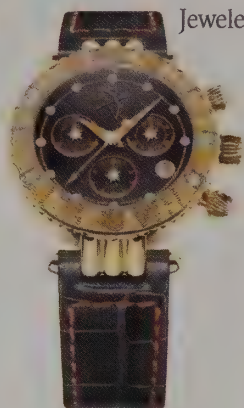
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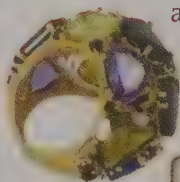
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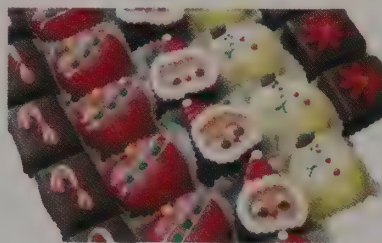
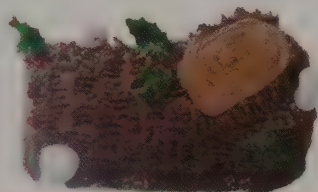
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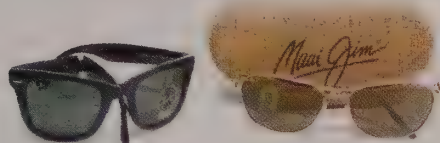
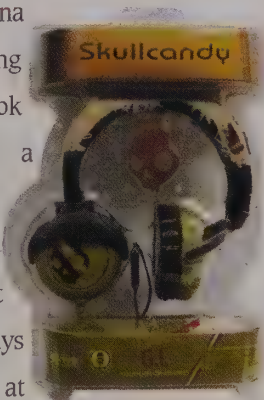
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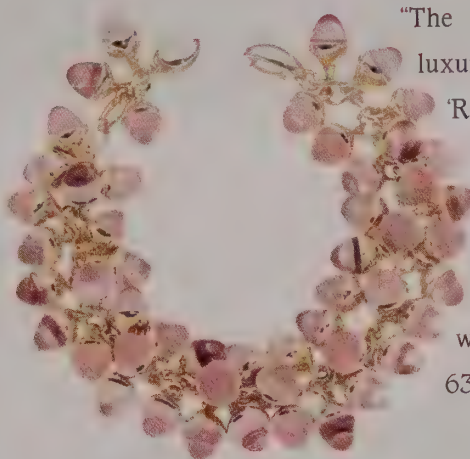
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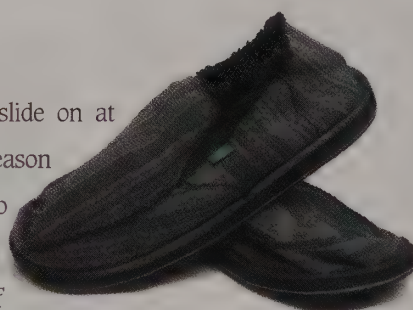
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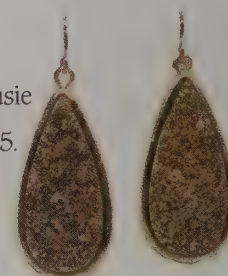
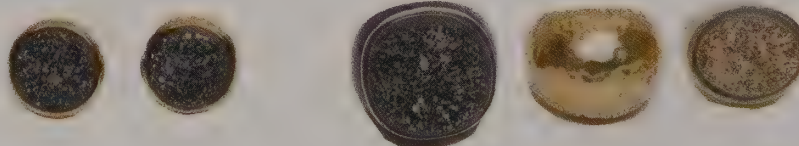
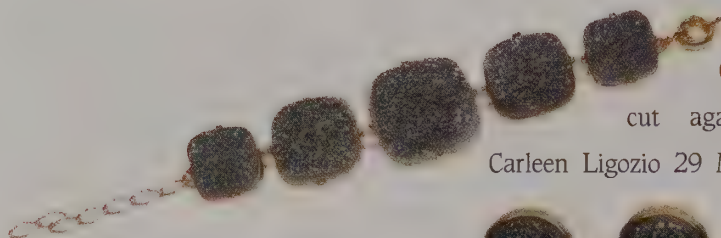
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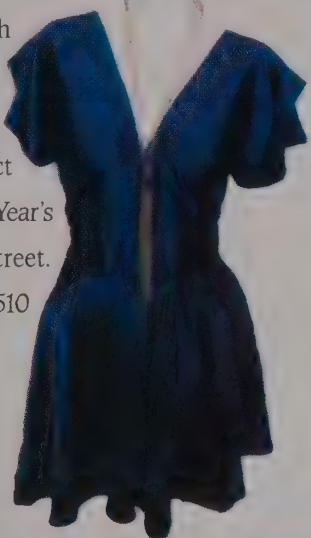
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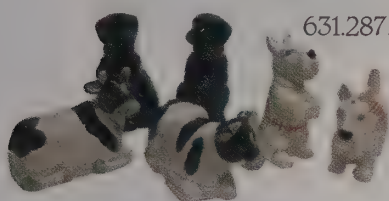
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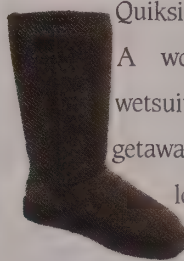
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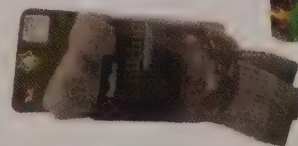
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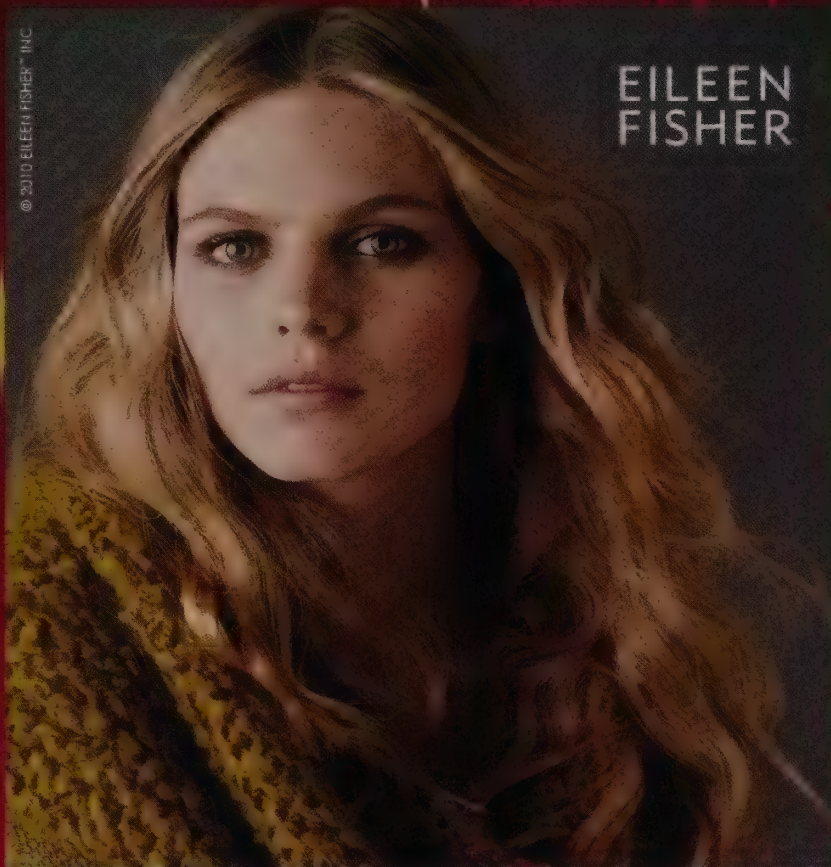
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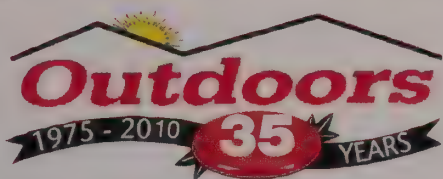
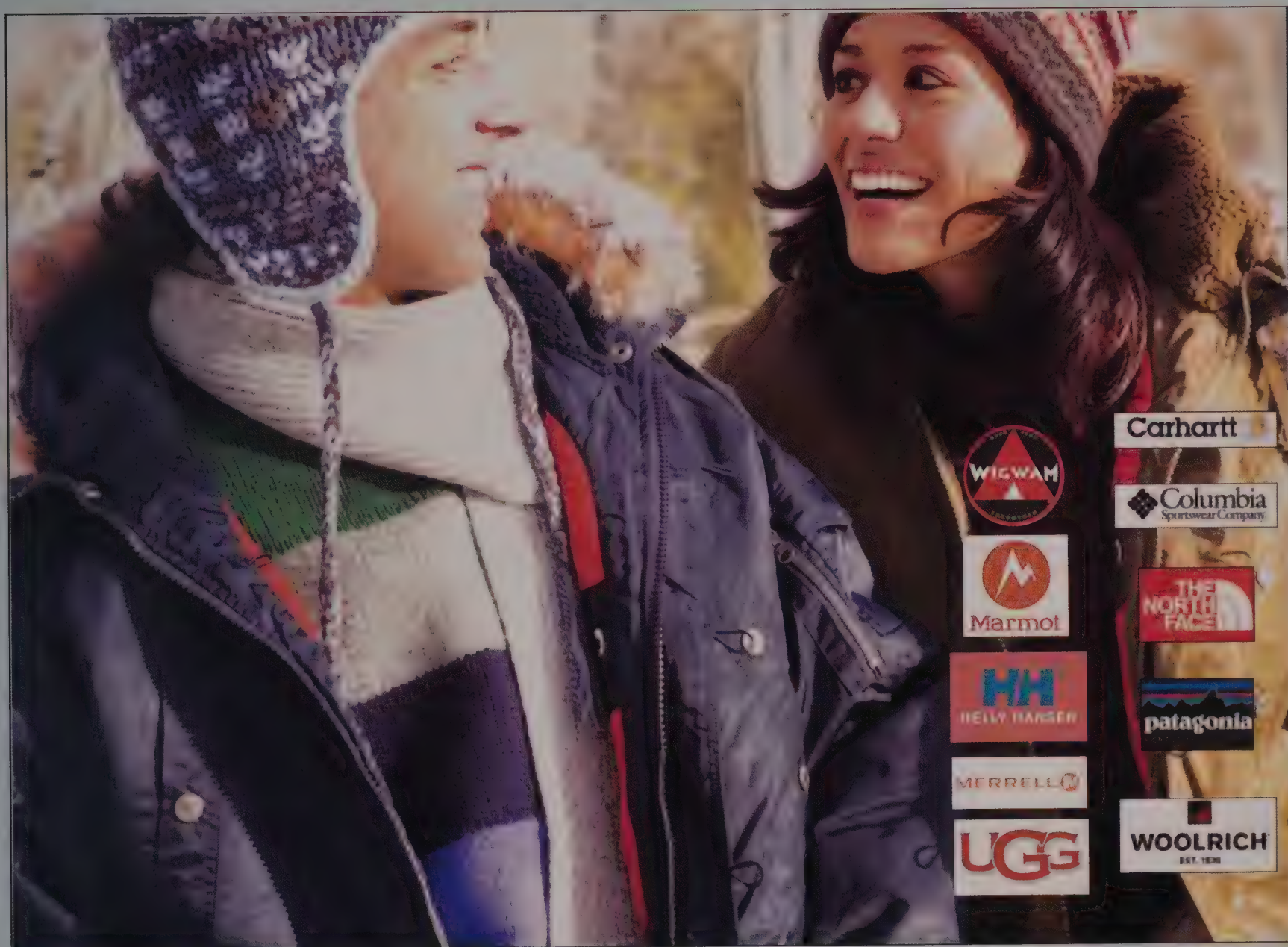
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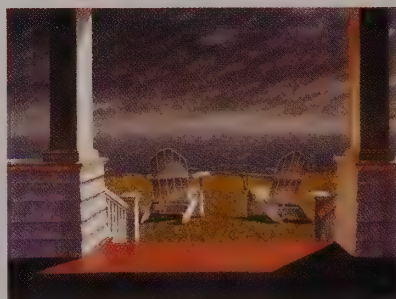
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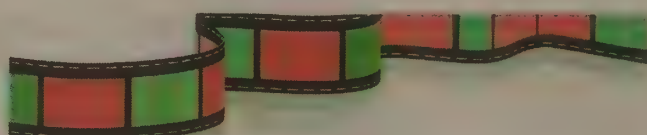
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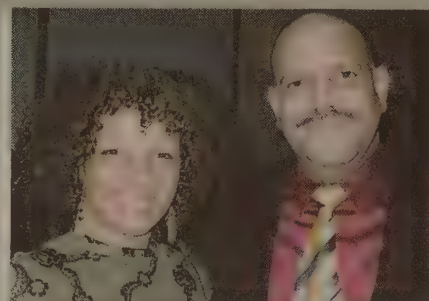


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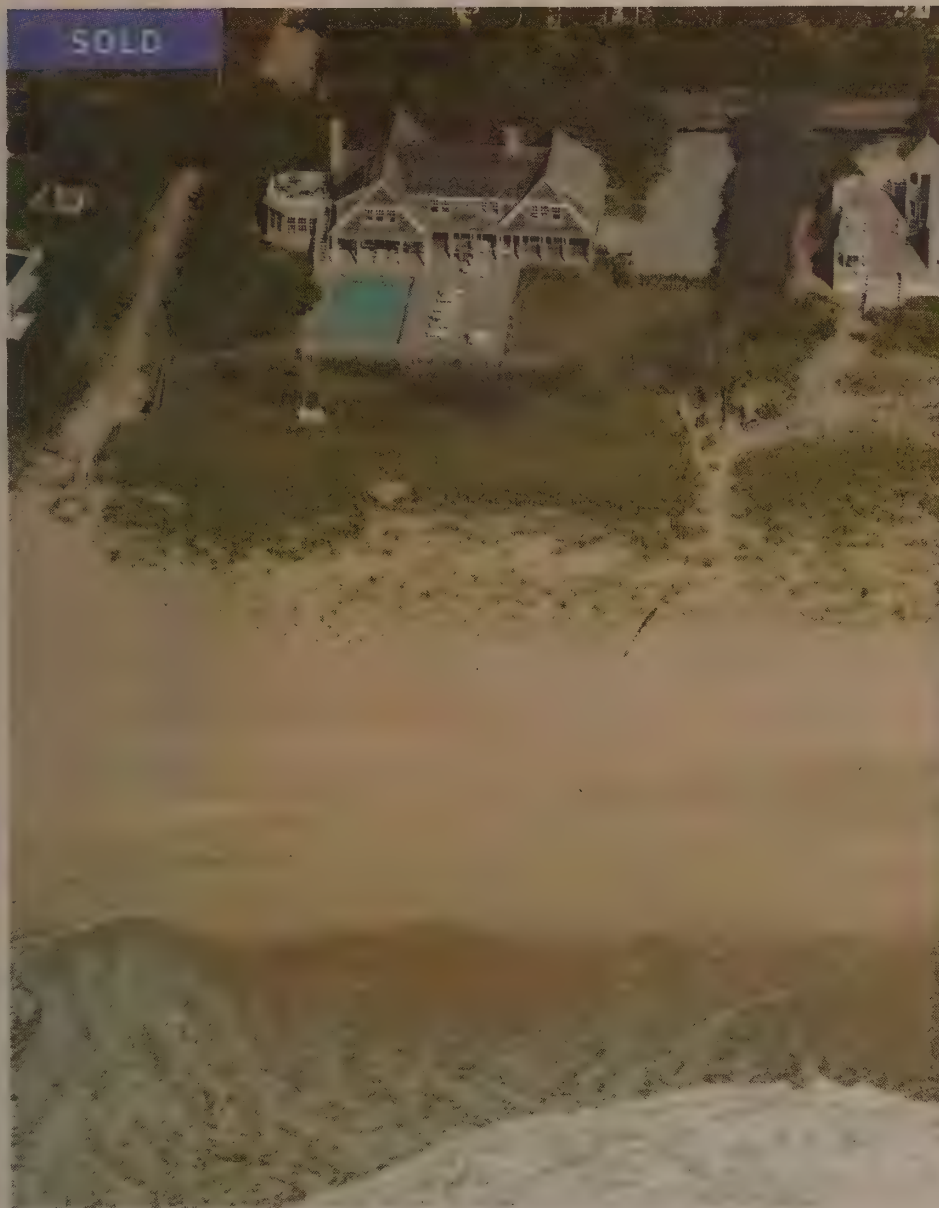


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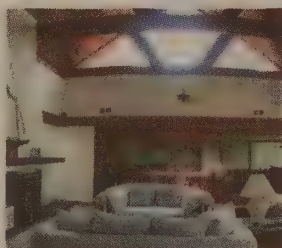
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Greenport's Festive Holiday Gala

By Maria Orlando
Pietromonaco

Just when many day-trippers might normally shy away from the North Fork, or the entire East End for that matter, Greenport is determined to lure visitors with its charm and holiday spirit. A joyful and triumphant Santa kicked off the Second Annual Greenport Holiday Festival on November 27 in Mitchell

Park, followed by a traditional tree lighting, carolers, and over 300 eager spectators.

The man in the red suit officially arrived in Greenport courtesy of the Railroad Museum of Long Island. Santa's original plan was derailed due to cutbacks in LIRR service on the North Fork Line to Greenport—during the winter months the trains cease to make their way out that far. "But even the Grinch couldn't stop Christmas from coming," declared Caroline Waloski, proprietor of The Sirens' Song Art Gallery in Greenport and promotional coordinator for the festival. "The utility cart used to inspect tracks was pulled into Greenport station by a gas-driven SUV. The children were happy."

The Holiday Festival promises all the magic of the season with themed events planned most Saturdays and Sundays throughout its 4-week run. This coming weekend the Children's Winter Games Competition will go on in Mitchell Park, and the Santa Parade sponsored by the Greenport Fire Department, originally planned for December 12, will now take place on Sunday, December 19, from 1-2 p.m. on Main Street.

The month-long seasonal extravaganza commenced Thanksgiving weekend, with storeowners painting their windows and decorating trees throughout the town and East End Seaport Museum hosting a children's film event and opening night gala. On December 4, the annual Holiday Pet Parade attracted a host of furry friends and their owners to Mitchell Park. Many pets were dressed in their holiday best, including Santa hats and vibrant scarves and sweaters. Other upcoming highlights include art gallery tours, wine and food tastings, musical entertainment, museum and historical walking tours, craft activities, story telling, skating, and carousel rides.

Many village shops and restaurants are offering free hot chocolate, mulled wine, and other treats to visitors. If you are still in need of last-minute gifts or other holiday incidentals, you are sure to find festive fare along your way. The town streets are also decorated with restored, lighted ornaments in the form of mermaids, tall ships, and other nautical figures. There are many more ornaments stored away, says Waloski, but the village is in need of funding to revive them back to working condition.

The Greenport Holiday Festival is the brainchild of the Greenport Business Association, and was inspired by the original First Night celebrations that were held in Greenport (and nationally for that matter) several years back. First Night was an alcohol-free alternative New Year's Eve fête that originated in Boston in 1976. Greenport put its own twist on the holiday spirit, and instead of dropping the ball at midnight, the town began dropping an anchor as a more suitable salutation to the New Year. Festivities used to include a film festival,



glass-blowing demonstrations, ice sculpture, storytelling, and all genres of musical performances.

The reawakened Holiday Festival is organized by co-chairs of the Greenport Business Association Leueen Miller and Nancy Curtin, member Kathleen Bifulco, and a host of other

association members and volunteers. Town merchants also play a role in planning, funding, and supporting the fest, in the hopes that merriment-seeking tourists will venture out.

The village cheer closes with a New Year's Eve shindig at Mitchell Park in the carousel building at 10 p.m. (there is a \$25 fee), complete with a spectacular fireworks show and dropping of the anchor at midnight to ring in 2011.

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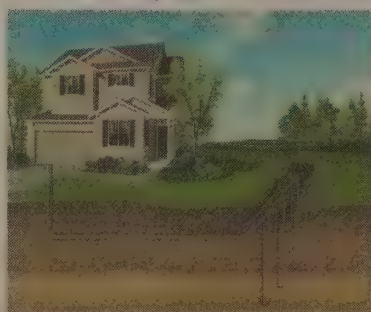
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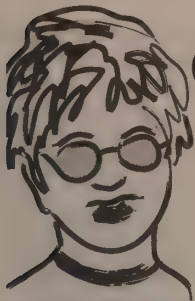
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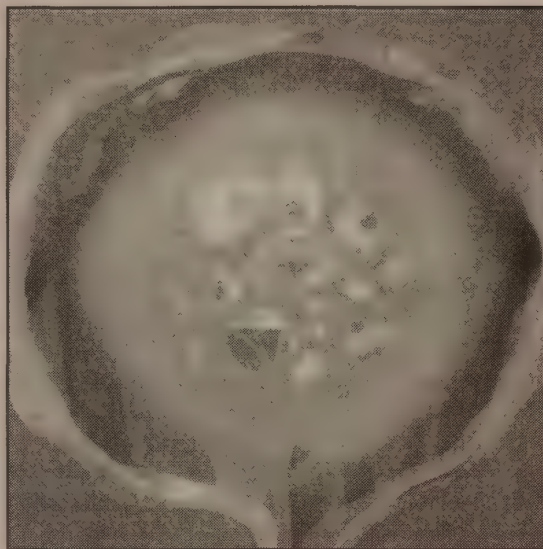
ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

"Apocryphae: Visions of the Sacred and Profane" in New York

While the title of the current show at New York's World Monument Gallery is quite a mouthful, it's a fitting one. Artists from diverse places here and abroad (including Manhattan, Venice, New Delhi, Tehran and Amsterdam) are featured, and the Hamptons are represented as well with Alexander Russo. Most participants have a long-standing commitment to philosophical, cultural and spiritual subjects.

Work by Bobo Ivancich is eye-catching at the very least, his juxtaposition of images conveying both a political and perhaps a metaphysical theme. "Kim Jong 11" shows images of the de facto North Korea leader alternating with the atomic bomb. The viewer ascribes different facial expressions to Kim Jong although his demeanor remains the same. This is an intriguing matter of perception determined by images that precede and proceed each other. While Ivancich's "Lamentation Over a Dead Castro" is not a



"Biogenesis" Alexander Russo

montage like his previous "Kim Jong" piece, perception is also working when we "see" Castro as a Christ figure. We quickly realize that this interpretation is obvious, but we are startled by our initial reaction. Blanca Dixit Peralta's "Mala Maddala" is more realistic compared to the expressionistic Castro, but the spiritual connotation is there in the form of a lotus flower. In these two works, western and eastern religions are contrasted, along with their icons.

Photographs by Ed Satterwhite deal with culture more than spiritual concerns, his discernable style hinting at Surrealism in "Toilet to Let." At first glance, it's difficult to figure out the context, with dilapidated chairs lining the street and the words,

"Toilets to Let," written on the wall. Such a juxtaposition of text and image is disconcerting but arresting, nonetheless.

Paula Alkaitis' abstractions also comment on culture, taking a personal approach to the artist's love of music and sound. Thus, silver, blue and green circles designate the way sound makes waves and geometric patterns, according to Alkaitis. Her white and grey circles in "Manhattan Jazz" seemingly bounce off the canvas, an effect the artist no doubt wants to achieve.

Two artists, Ken Cro-Ken and Alexander Russo, have similar philosophical themes, it appears, where nature guides the spirit and our life's journey. Cro-Ken's abstract imagery allows us to experience the cosmic landscape; this setting does not seem to derive from the "real" world, but instead comes from the artist's own imagination. His particularly painterly style shows control of the medium, yet spontaneity ultimately rules the day.

Russo exerts a similar control over his brush strokes, combining it with spontaneity as well. Unlike Cro-Ken's work, however, there is a subtle sense of place here on earth, suggesting cliffs or canyons. The viewer feels as if he/she is a part of the surroundings, being reborn at every step. However, "Biogenesis" appears to come more from the universe itself, the configuration exploding and imploding along with our own life cycles. Upstairs in the gallery, Russo's small prints reflect the artist's varied kinds of dynamic compositions and colors.

"Visions of the Sacred and Profane" will be on view at New York's World Monument Gallery until Dec. 31.

The gallery is located at 15 East 27 St., between Fifth and Madison Avenues, in New York. Call 917-828-2505 for hours.

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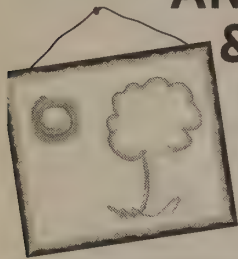
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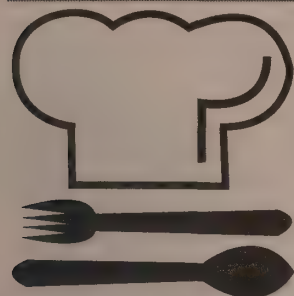


Happy Holidays from all of us at

Dan's Papers

Be sure to check out our first issue of the New Year on January 7!

Food & Dining



SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

The winter holidays, the parties and the sentimentality that surrounds them are always eagerly anticipated. And what better way to hail the season than with good food and good cheer? Though some of us may not be planning an elaborate feast, most of us will do some kind of cooking and entertaining for the year-end holiday.

Several weeks ago I attended Jennifer Pike's holiday presentation at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton. Jen, of Pike Farm in Sagaponack, skillfully demonstrated several delectable dishes including a caramel-nut tart. The tart was such a hit I was inspired to write a holiday dessert column. It also brought back memories of a New Year's dessert party I gave many years ago and how much fun it was. When I mentioned my thought to Penny Wright, the program director at the library, she offered to share her friend Margaret's Rendezvous Pecan Pie. And I got into the act with a flourless chocolate cake I recently made for a friend's birthday lunch.

It seems to me a dessert party makes so much sense. Everything is completely done ahead and nothing has to be reheated. Add sparkle to your buffet with colorful candles and greenery, your prettiest dessert dishes, your gleaming dessert forks and spoons, lots of colorful napkins and plenty of champagne. Have a happy and safe holiday.

JENNIFER PIKES CARAMEL-NUT TART

Serves 8 to 10

For the crust

10 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature

1/4 cup confectioners sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 large egg separated

1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons heavy cream

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

For the filling

1 cup sugar

1/4 cup water

1/4 cup fresh orange juice

1/2 cup heavy cream

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 tablespoon honey

2 teaspoons finely grated orange peel

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup roasted cashews

1/2 cup lightly toasted pine nuts

1/2 cup lightly toasted walnuts

1. Beat the butter, sugar and salt in medium bowl to thoroughly combine. Add egg yolk and cream and beat until smooth. Add flour and beat just until dough comes together. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead briefly to combine. Gather dough into a ball, flatten into a disk. Wrap in plastic and freeze until firm, about 15 minutes.

2. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to a 12-inch round. Transfer to a 9-inch diameter tart pan with removable bottom. Gently fit dough into the pan, trimming all but one-half-inch overhang. Fold overhang in, forming double-thick sides. Pierce bottom of crust all over with a fork: freeze 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F

3. Line crust with foil. Fill with dried beans or pie weights. Bake until sides are set, about 15 minutes. Remove foil with beans or weights. Bake crust until golden, about 10 minutes longer, pressing with back of a fork if crust bubbles. Meanwhile whisk egg white in a small bowl until thick and foamy. Brush hot crust lightly with some beaten egg white and place on a rack to cool. Maintain oven temperature.

4. For the filling, stir sugar and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan over low heat until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to medium and bring to a boil, brushing down sides of pan with a wet pastry brush. Cook until the syrup is deep amber, swirling pan occasionally, about 9 minutes. Remove from heat and pour in juice,

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then cream. Whisk over low heat until smooth. Whisk in butter, honey, orange peel, vanilla and salt. Stir in the nuts. Pour filling into crust. Bake tart until filling is bubbling thickly all over, about 22-25 minutes. Filling will still be liquid but will firm upon cooling on a rack. Store at room temperature and serve with lightly sweetened whipped cream

MARGARET'S RENDEZVOUS PECAN PIE *Serves 8*

1 9-inch short-crust pastry or store-bought crust
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup dark brown sugar
3 large eggs
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coarsely chopped plus 1/4 cup whole pecans
Whipped or vanilla ice cream for serving

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

1. Roll out pastry to fit into a 9-inch Pyrex pie plate. Crimp the edges and chill before pre baking. With a fork poke holes in the bottom of the pastry, then cover with foil and pie weights or dried beans. Bake blind for 12 minutes and cool.

2. In bowl of electric mix or with hand mixer cream the butter then add the sugar and beat for 1 minute. Add the eggs, one at a time and beat well. Then add the two syrups and the vanilla and beat to combine.

3. Adjust oven heat to 350°F. Pour the liquid filling into the pre-baked crust and scatter a layer of chopped pecans over the top. Then arrange whole pecans in a concentric circle of the top. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes until cake tester inserted in center of pie comes out

clean. Prepare up to one day ahead and refrigerate covered. Serve with whipped cream.

FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

This recipe is an inspired version of a rich, moist flourless chocolate cake.

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8 ounces imported bittersweet chocolate
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, icy cold
3 tablespoons strong coffee
(3 T. boiling water mixed with 2 t. Medaglia D'oro instant)
2 tablespoons Amaretto or dark Rum
6 eggs, separated
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
Confectioners' sugar and cocoa powder for decoration
Creme Chantilly* or vanilla ice cream for serving (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees
Butter 10-inch cake pan then dust with fine bread crumbs

1. Break chocolate into small chunks and put into a double boiler or a mixing bowl that can straddle a saucepan. Cut butter in pieces and add to the chocolate. Place over simmering heat being careful not to allow water in the pan below to touch bottom of pan above. Simmer mixture slowly over very low heat then stir only after the chocolate has begun to melt. Stir until the consistency of a smooth cream and set aside.

2. In the meantime, prepare strong coffee, cool and mix with Amaretto or rum. Set aside.

3. In bowl of electric mixer or with electric hand

mixer whisk egg yolks and sugar until mixture is triple in volume or "ribbons" and is very thick and pale in color, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the coffee mixture and stir to mix. Gradually add to the cooled chocolate and stir to mix until completely incorporated.

4. In bowl of electric mixer or with electric hand mixer, beat egg whites until just frothy, add cream of tartar, then adjust setting to medium high and beat until firm but not dry peaks form. With a large rubber spatula add about one-fourth of the egg whites to the chocolate mixture. Fold in gently to soften the chocolate base, then spoon on remaining whites and fold in carefully until incorporated.

5. With large rubber spatula scrape batter into prepared pan and gently move pan back and forth on counter to level. Place in a warm water bath and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out slightly moist and the top feels firm to the touch. Remove from oven, lift out of the water bath, and allow pan to rest on a cake rack for at least 5 minutes.

6. Loosen sides of cake by drawing an ordinary kitchen knife between cake and sides of pan. Place a rack over cake and invert, then invert again onto a cake plate. Dust with cocoa powder to cover the top of the cake, then place a 12 inch doily over the cocoa and sprinkle with confectioners sugar for an attractive design. Serve with creme chantilly or vanilla ice cream if desired. The cake can be prepared up to two days ahead. Refrigerate loosely covered with plastic wrap. Decorate with confectioners' sugar when ready to serve.

* Creme Chantilly: Whip heavy cream in a cold bowl with cold beaters and add 2-3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar while beating until thick and smooth.



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Restaurant Review: Sen in Sag Harbor

By Susan Galardi

Are you ready to take the Fushigi Flight? Or get down with a Garuda roll? These aren't things you'd experience on a trip to Tokyo – well, actually, they could be. But locally speaking, they're menu offerings at Sen, the high-end Japanese restaurant and sushi bar in Sag Harbor. In the summer, Sen is packed to the exposed beam rafters for good reason, it's very nice Japanese food. But now, for those who wait, the off season is a great time to visit Sen, especially since the restaurant, which is not cheap, is offering a special tasting menu. For \$26, you can have a seven "course" meal off the regular menu: soup, salad, vegetable, sushi/sashimi, "kitchen selection," house-made pickles, and rice. While \$26 is the base price, some of the items on the tasting menu have an added charge. But if you stick to the no-added-charge items, you can have a great meal.

I went with the tasting menu on a recent visit to the restaurant, which has such a lovely, open yet calming and intimate vibe. Of the four soup options, I chose Ramen, which added another \$5 to my tab (two versions of miso carry no extra charge). The soup was delicious, the small bowl packed with chicken, shrimp, scallions, mushroom, and ramen noodles, in warming, rich ginger-soy broth. On the regular menu, the soup is \$18, so I felt this was a deal.

There were also four salad selections – but only the Sen salad, greens with carrot-ginger dressing had no tariff. I went with the Grilled Shrimp Salad, which added two large shrimp for an extra \$2. The mixed greens were a lovely combo, with a great wasabi dressing, and the shrimp were warm and tender. The seasonal veggies at this time of year are limited. I went with one of my favorite, Shishito Peppers, char grilled. That's it. You either love

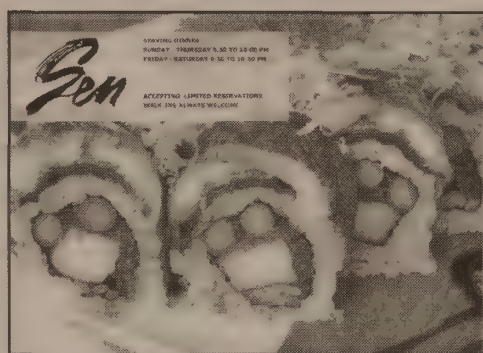
them or you don't. And these were done perfectly, finished with a sprinkling of coarse salt. Love 'em. Chips and Edamame go with the base price; Veggie tempura and tempura onion rings are a couple bucks more.

The Sushi/Sashimi course had 10 choices, with four at no extra charge, and others adding on up to \$6. Options ranged from a half California Roll to Chirashi. I had the one-half spicy tuna roll and was very pleased. The "kitchen selections" are cooked items, from kitchen chef Mike Swan; Kei Yoshino is the sushi chef. There were seven choices, like sesame/coriander tofuy, rock shrimp tempura, Negimake. I chose the Miso-cured Black Cod—a slice of cod filet barely grilled, with a rich flavor. The translucent cod barely saw the heat, so if you like your fish well done, well, why go to a sushi restaurant?

Brown or white rice came with the price of admission, sushi rice was an addition \$1.50. All in all, a good deal for this restaurant.

Many basic rolls (California, yellowtail) are in the \$7-\$9 range. Veggie roles a bit less. The "exotic rolls" are priced higher. We tried the Garuda Roll (\$15) which was outrageous. A "lightly tempura'd" spicy tuna roll with tobiko and scallions. The Torched Salmon Roll (\$19) had a thin filet of salmon, basically raw, with a slight sear, served over a California roll.

Moving into the kitchen, we also tried Tonkatsu (\$16), pork cutlets pounded flat, crusted in panko



and fried, then sliced into finger-food spears. It's served with julienned raw cabbage and two sauces, a soy-based sauce and a thick, rich fruit and veggie sauce. A nice light entrée, perfect for kids.

A shocker to those who don't expect much from desserts at a Japanese restaurant is that the offerings at Sen were really, really good. We had a gin-

ger-lemon crème brulee that was perfect – balanced delicate flavor, great crème, and text-book sugar crust. A banana spring roll was also delightful: a whole banana, cut into pieces, wrapped in spring roll and lightly fried, drizzed with dark chocolate and caramel, and served with rich, fresh vanilla ice cream.

Remember Fushigi Flight? That is the name of one of Sen's sake pairings. The restaurant has 30 sakes, some incredibly unusual. Fushigi included a refreshing, floral sparking sake called Rokkasen; a strong, tasty "samurai" sake aged in cedar, called Katsutai; and Hannya Tou, a sweet plum sake infused with Japanese chili. These had a lot of personality, as well balanced and thought out as a sushi roll. Sen also makes its own hot 'cider' – local apple cider with cinnamon, clove, sake, and aged rum.

If you've been waiting to try Sen, this is the time. I'll be back for the tasting menu for sure.

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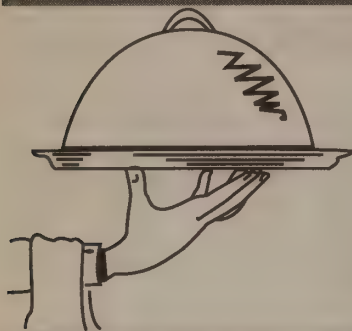
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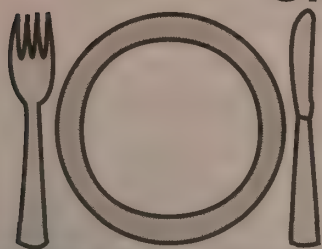
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by Aji Jones

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menu on Christmas Eve, December 24. Items include: Red beets and mesclun with toasted goat cheese crostini and house vinaigrette; Australian rack of lamb with mustard and herbes de Provence, French string beans and gratin Dauphinois and cream puff with vanilla ice cream and warm chocolate sauce. Open Christmas Day from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. 631-537-5110.

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The Cookbook Roundup

By Stacy Dermont

I have an understanding with Canio's Books in Sag Harbor. Whenever a new cookbook comes out that they think might interest me, they send me an e-mail. Love that personal service. The Canio's mavens were certainly right about the following 2010 cookbooks. I really enjoyed these.

Maybe there's a cook on your holiday shopping list. All of these cookbooks are available locally and on the Internet.

Plan to Party

Simple & Special Entertaining In Your Home
By Elizabeth Mascali and Dawn Sandomeno

I've been so busy I haven't actually read this book yet – but it's at the top of my to-do list. The photography is spectacular and I can see that things are broken down into doable steps and outlines. Plus there are recipes for party-size batches of yummys. (Maybe if I hire a local chef from needachef.com for our upcoming party, I'll have a few minutes to put my feet up and enjoy this gorgeous planning book.)

(\$19.99; Yorkshire)

Sarabeth's Bakery, From My Hands to Yours

By Sarabeth Levine

Water Mill weekender and Hayground Farmer Market regular, Sarabeth Levine is the "Sarabeth" on those jars of yummy jam in your cupboard. She's also an award-winning pastry chef. Her new, BIG cookbook offers up many of her secrets. You might want to buy this one for yourself to cop some of her techniques and



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Whoopie Pies

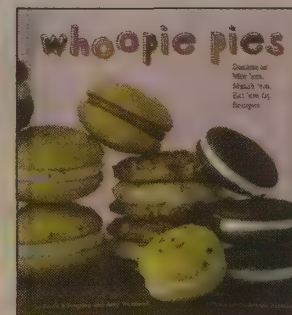
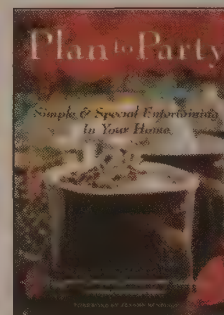
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Barefoot Contessa: How Easy Is That?

By Ina Garten

East Hampton's Ina Garten practices what she preaches. What Food Network super star has time for long, bothersome recipes? Garten offers a genius blending of the haute with the everyday. Example: serve up microwave popcorn DRIZZLED WITH TRUFFLE BUTTER for parties. (\$35; Clarkson



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At Home With Madhur Jaffrey

Simple, Delectable Dishes from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka

By Madhur Jaffrey

A friend gave me this book as a hostess gift saying, "Here's an Indian cookbook." This is so much more. It's a rich, sampling survey of dishes from four countries. These ancient lands offer an array of foods steeped in thousands of years of tradition. I'm in awe cooking these recipes – but they're broken down simply – I haven't screwed any up yet! (\$35; Knopf)

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New Art Books Make Great Gifts

By Marion Wolberg Weiss

Three noteworthy art books have just been published by East End artists, and although they would each make special holiday gifts, that's not why they are significant. One reason the books are salient is because they cover the academic fields attributed to the visual arts: history, studio and aesthetics. Does that suggest they are for intellectuals or professors? Absolutely not.

Helen Harrison, Director of the Pollock Krasner House and Study Center, has written a lively book for young adults called *The Jackson Pollock Box*. While she is the prolific author of publications featuring Abstract Expressionists (among other related subjects) this is her first endeavor for this particular readership. However, the content and layout are so creative and informative, any age group would find the book worthwhile.

The packaging is also innovative, with the text and art materials placed in a box configuration. Thus, there is both art history and hands-on artistic projects combined in one parcel. The text itself is highlighted with pertinent historical photographs, samples of Pollock's work and arresting quotes; Pollock's development is placed in a valuable and unusual context including other artists like Picasso, Max Ernst and Orozco.

The art projects focus on visualization (i.e. composing a collage), working with found objects and



"Da Campo San Vio" Lewis Zacks

action painting; materials, like canvas and paint jars, are included. All in all, it's a colorful, bold book (literally and figuratively) that goes well beyond what we expect.

Bastienne Schmidt's Home Stills is another publication that is invigorating and intelligent as well: photographs that pack a political and/or feminist punch. The title, *Home Stills*, is a relevant one with

some images recalling melodramatic films from the 1950s about women's issues (or, more recently, movies by director Todd Haynes). Thus, part of the photographs' appeal concerns their narrative thrust.

A more aesthetic appeal is Schmidt's subtle composition where lighting, color and point-of-view play an important part in the images' message. As a matter of fact, the photographs signify a common theme: a woman's isolation and lack of freedom. Often, formal qualities convey this consistency, like a bird's-eye-view or the presence of windows, doors and curtains that shut people in or entrap them with criss-crossing lines.

Sometimes, it's a single female figure who sits alone looking out the window or going down the stairs. She is in her own universe surrounded by contradictions: enclosure or emptiness.

A third book also features aesthetics: *Venice: City That Paints Itself*. Featuring paintings by Lewis Zacks and poems by Fran Castan, it's a heartfelt and personal work as is the one by Bastienne Schmidt. *Venice* is a family affair, deriving from a trip the couple took to Venice to pursue painting, poetry and a slew of other activities like concert-going and Italian classes. It's apparent that the city was a learning experience as well as a creative opportunity for Zacks and Castan. But the book also

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Have a Fashionable Holiday

By Kelly Krieger

The holidays are here and it's time to put our fashion thinking caps on. Annual office parties can be predicable, so why not bring a little surprise to the evening this year? Add something different to your usual style.

The most important part of selecting any outfit is comfort and functionality. Even Lady Gaga should take note. Her outfits are always shocking, to say the least, but how does she manage a visit to the powder room? Really? This holiday season we have seen a resurgence of fur/faux fur, leather and lace, leggings and asymmetric dresses for women, and loose-fitted cardigans and tweed jackets for men.

For women who want to go the casual route this year, the best place to start is in your closet. A simple black dress or black pair of trousers can be matched perfectly with a sparkly cropped cardigan and neutral underpinning. Instead of indulging in a new outfit that's just okay, spend your money this year on a new pair of glittery or satin peep-toe shoes, matching clutch and jewelry accessories. Perhaps you already own a basic clutch or pair of shoes that you love? Adding a crystal or glittery clip-on creates a new look. Chunky rings and chandelier earrings continue to be popular, as well as strappy sandals.

Velvet, lace and sequins always play a major part of

the holiday festivities. Coordinating any bottom (skirt, pant) with a sequin tank, brocade blazer or knit embroidered cardigan is the way to go for those who want to pass on the strapless silk red dress. If you like the silky strapless or one-shoulder dress option, Tadashi, Alice + Olivia and Ralph Lauren have a few great selections.

Want to go Royal? Take a few tips from Prince William and Kate Middleton. They seem to handle their fashion choices with ease. Kate's feathered headbands, hats and fitted coats, and Prince William's conservative sweaters and collared shirts create a formal, yet casual appeal.

Dress jeans and a V-neck or a loose chunky cardigan sweater over a simple knit long-sleeve tee or button-down shirt offer a layered look for that casual guy who resists dress trousers or suits. Dark suits look best with neutral shirts and colorful ties. No, you don't have to wear a Santa or reindeer tie this year! Choose a vibrant tie that will stand out without being over-the-top.

There are many choices to consider when looking for the right tie. Should you go skinny, solid, patterned, formal or casual? A few designer suggestions include Gucci, Prada, Charvet, Hermes and Brioni. Weight, texture, color and quality are important, and a tradi-

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Gifts of Art



By Marion Wolberg Weiss

Lots of people want to give a special holiday gift, like a painting, photograph, print or sculpture. But they are often too expensive for our budgets. This critic has discovered lovely artworks from places that are a bit off-the-beaten track for the holidays. One requirement for selecting such venues: none can be a fine arts gallery or store selling art objects along with home furnishings, etc. Other requirements: art that is unusual and reasonably priced.

One place to start is an historical museum, like those located in Southampton and East Hampton. Dried flowers at Southampton's Historical Museum are particularly attractive.

The Parrish Museum Shop has many objects that are handmade and/or imported. There's some arresting jewelry, especially cocktail and pinkie rings from Indonesia that are hand-beaded. They are luscious and, dare we say, cheap. Colorful bracelets and earrings also abound from Asia, many from the Fair Trade Federation (an organization guaranteeing that employees are treated fairly).

Imaginative materials also give the items an unusual quality: earrings from Brazil's rainforests; small beaded bags; necklaces from East African recycled paper. Objects for children are a delight, too; many of the toys and games so well designed that they could surely be called art. Our favorite works include mobile paper birds and an ABC puzzle.

The Pollock Krasner House museum shop features more intellectual and practical items: art books (including *Hamptons Bohemia* by Helen Harrison), tote bags, a water bottle. But beware. Note: there are no "Jackson Pollock" T-shirts. The shop has an added advantage. Consider the beautiful grounds and water in the background and the historic house itself where Pollock and his wife, Lee Krasner, lived.

The Celadon Clay Art Gallery in Water Mill is a gallery and a place where members make/fire pottery, workshops are conducted (except in the winter) and ceramic artists give talks. Their annual holiday sale ends on December 19 and includes local potter Tom Walter and his intricately decorated dragon teapot. Other equally intriguing and unusual pieces include Pat Greco's wine holder; Hillary Wyler's large plate; and Lynn Leff's fanciful shoe, as well as other outstanding ceramic dinnerware, pitchers and baking dishes.

Finally, there's a private art sale at the home of artist Julie Keyes (12 Bay Street, Sag Harbor: call for appointment). Among those unique and diverse items featured are Keyes' ceramic plates, Kimberly Goff's wearable art from Bali, Chris Lillies' jewelry and Adrianna Barone's clothing.

There's no commercialism at this venue nor at any of the other places suggested. What a blessing.

Call the following numbers for more information: The Parrish Museum Shop: 631-283-2118; The Pollock Krasner House: 631-324-4929; The Celadon: 631-726-2547; Julie Keyes: 917-509-1379

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Holiday Film Diversions

By Susan M. Galardi

To stave off the an early onset of holiday ennui, or when it's too late – you just can't take another holiday movie blockbuster or brick of fruitcake – consider some non-holiday film offerings on the East End that will keep you rooted in reality (as much as an escapist film can...) and buy you a little more time to be infatuated with all things Santa.

Guild Hall will be showing three interesting, eclectic films during the rest of December. Okay, the first one is a holiday chestnut, but it's still early in the season. On Sunday December 19 at 3 p.m. *It's a Wonderful Life* will be shown on the John Drew Theater's outrageous, humongous screen that feels like it's a city block long. This matinee ticket price (\$15 for kids and \$25 for adults) comes with an entrée and dessert at Rowdy Hall afterwards (from 5-10). The movie alone is \$10.

On Tuesday December 21 at 2 p.m., Guild Hall and BookHampton present a free screening of the 1953 epic, *Cleopatra*, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. That film is its own holiday. The following Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m., Guild Hall/BookHampton present another free screening – *Little Women* with Katherine Hepburn and Elizabeth Taylor.

All films are at the John Drew Theater at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton, 631-324-0806.

If you need to see something that won't conjure up holiday memories that are scarier than the Ghost of Christmas Future, a short-film screening in Riverhead might do. On Thursday, December 30 at the Vail-Leavitt in Riverhead, screenwriter-director



Christian Nilsson

Christian Nilsson, a Westhampton Beach H.S. grad who recently earned his degree in Film/Video Production at Five Towns College, will screen some of his works. Nilsson, 22, was offered a job with a major production company in LA, and this is a fundraiser to help the young man go west.

The boy is quite accomplished. His film *Looney in a Strait Jacket* was a selection in the 2009 Cannes Short Film Corner in France and a finalist

on Reel13's short film contest; *The Adventures of Demetri Jones* won Best Film at the Five Towns Film Festival. *Demetri Jones* is a young man with Asperger's Syndrome who has an obsession with heroes from literature. A quest through the Hamptons to save a local bookstore turns him into one of the very heroes he dreams about.

Looney is about a patient who has escaped from an insane asylum, chased by a cop and detective who are crazier than he is. *Pieces of the Puzzle* is about a boy who must put the pieces of his life back together after the death of his younger brother. Other films include *The Martyr*, set in 1922 Northern Ireland, about a priest who must hear the last confession of a gunman who tried to assassinate the Prime Minister of England but killed a young girl instead. How's that for holiday diversion?

An Evening of Short Films by Christian Nilsson. Thursday, December 30, 8:00 p.m., at Vail-Leavitt Music Hall, 18 Peconic Avenue, Riverhead. Tickets \$12 at the door; \$10 in advance at East End Arts Council, 133 East Main Street, Riverhead. For information: 631-219-6996.

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tional tie can be worn on many occasions. Hues of purple, paisley and plaid prints are just a few standouts. A lightweight wool and silk scarf creates a great look. Armani and Burberry offer elegant choices.

Holiday fashions abound at local boutiques and department stores. Renaissance (Southampton) and Australian Femininity (Sag Harbor) offer a unique selection of accessories and holiday attire for women, while Banana Republic (Bridgehampton) is a reliable source for both men and women. Edward Archer (Southampton) specializes in fine men's clothing and accessories.

Enjoy the party! Happy Holidays!

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keeps in mind family members who could not be with them.

Zacks captures the qualities of Venice with his own eye, just as he does when he often paints local New York scenes. His conceptions are gentle and lyrical, with muted colors and attention to composition. There are a few images that are more expressionistic, like the portrait, "Tintoretto." His "Squero di San Trovaso" is even surreal.

Castan's poems are homages, like her husband's, but not just to Venice; some are odes to her mother and aunt who passed away. It seems fitting, indeed, that her words mirror so well Zack's images, expressing in another medium the sights, sounds and feelings of a cherished, shared experience.

The Jackson Pollock Box is available at the Pollock Krasner House (631-324-4929) and Guild Hall (631-324-0806) both in East Hampton. *Home Stills* can be bought at Bookhampton in East Hampton (631-324-4939); *Venice: City That Paints Itself* can be found at Sag Harbor's Canio's Books (631-725-4926).

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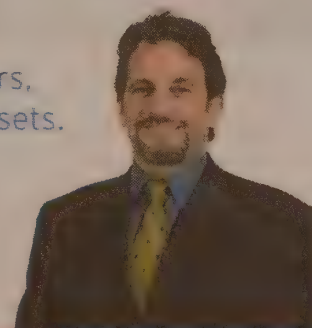


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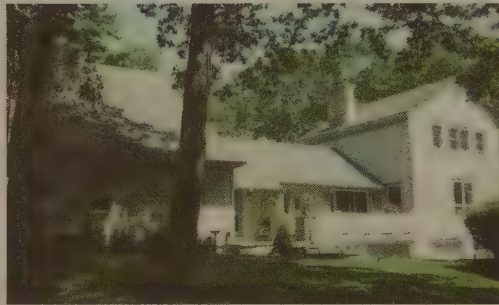
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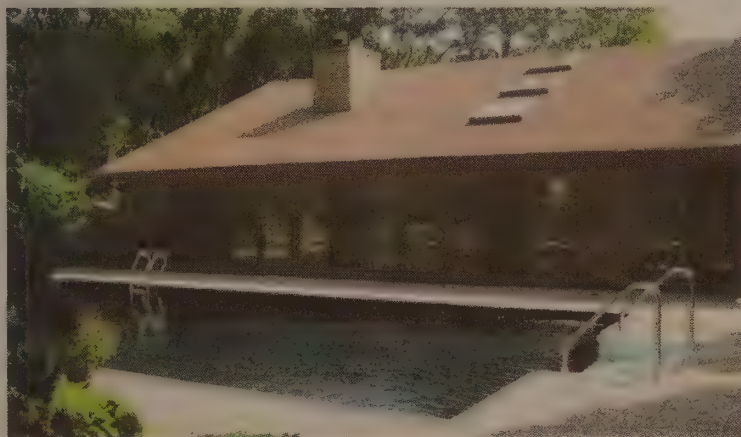
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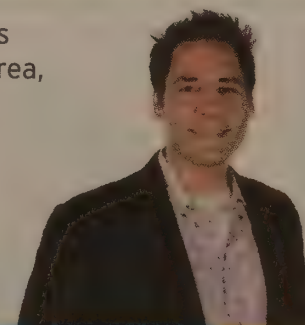
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Dazzelle, Jobs Lane, Southampton is featuring a 50% off Holiday Sale on dresses and separates, perfect for your holiday parties. Look for a large selection of wonderful gifts for under \$50, and gift-wrapping is always included.

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Check out Shelley's Jewels Holiday Trunk Show at **The Elegant Setting**, 31 Main St., Southampton, December 23, 1 - 6 p.m. There will be lots of fantabulous necklaces, bracelets and earrings in 14k and 18k, and rawhide with pearls are in the mix, perfect holiday gift giving for that someone special!

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No time to wrap your holiday gifts? Bridgehampton Commons' **Panera Bread** is wrapping it up for the Flying Point Foundation for Autism fundraiser, Saturday, December 18, 4 - 7 p.m. For a small donation, expert gift wrappers will be available to wrap your gifts while you relax and enjoy dinner, a drink or a cup of coffee. Want to have it done at home? They make house calls too. Call 631-255-5644, or e-mail: info@fpfautism.org.

Christopher Fischer, 67 Main St., East Hampton is offering an additional 20% markdown on items previously reduced to 40% and 50% off. There are also some great gift items including cashmere socks and scarves for \$65. The holiday sale will run through the end of December.

Kembali Bebas, Amagansett Square is having an "All Must Go Sale!" All sterling silver, gemstone and costume jewelry is 60% off. New winter clothing is marked down by additional discounts up to 40% off the lowest price. And beautiful hand knit scarves, neck warmers and gloves are on sale starting at \$6.95. Mention that you read about the sale in "Shop 'til You Drop" and get an additional 5% off

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The Elegant John at Red Horse Plaza, East Hampton, is well known for the best quality down comforters, pillows and a wonderful array of high-end linens, towels, soaps, candles and many other items that make perfect holiday gifts. This year you can find a stunning collection of one-of-a-kind quartz crystal necklaces brought back from Brazil by Jack Crimmins of The Elegant John. Mined, cut and polished by hand, these are big and gutsy pieces, with sterling silver findings and glittering with sophistication. Local artist Jim Williamson, who paints lovely miniature paintings inspired by scenes on the East End, and frames them in recycled barn wood, is showing new work at The Elegant John. Called "Small Works," these beautiful oil paintings are quite reasonable (\$65-\$100). The imagery includes Grey Gardens, beachscapes, the dunes and many more. 631-324-2636.

Surface Library Gallery, 845 Springs Fireplace Rd., East Hampton is featuring their annual Gift of Art holiday sale of artfully-inspired gifts by resident artists, now 'til December 22. Surface is offering the public the rare opportunity to acquire truly original gifts at accessible prices. Gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday, noon - 6 p.m. 631-291-9061

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with thanks and good cheer. Proceeds benefit the Birthright of Peconic, open from Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 631-287-6456. Birthright of Peconic has just opened a new counseling office in the Feather Hill Shopping Mall, Southold, 631-876-5138.

On my way to Sag Harbor, I had to stop into **The Whalebone General Store**, 3495 Noyac Rd. The store underwent a major renovation and is celebrating their 25th anniversary with a drawing for a giant Teddy Bear on the day of their actual anniversary, December 21. Proceeds from the drawing will benefit the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. This season there is a huge selection of gifts from Mud Pie, Claire Burke, Silvestri and toys from Melissa and Doug, plus their tried and true Willow figures and of course the best chocolate. Favorites are the small loaf dishes that are filled with chocolate, wrapped in cello and a ribbon. The Claire Burke "Christmas Memories" tea lights have a holiday cinnamon and spice fragrance; buy one package get one free. How can you beat that? Faves are Silvestri whale and jellyfish ornaments, Kris Nielsen's handmade wooden signs (one of the biggest sellers) and "A Noyac Christmas," a special sign that makes a perfect hostess gift. Local artist Ed Dombrowski's hand carved whales make quite a statement. Linda and her staff have been busy making gift baskets and gourmet chocolate trays as well as keeping with tradition with the best Poinsettias in three sizes from C.J. Van Bourgondine. The store is packed with holiday cards, gifts, lottery tickets, all the online games and at least 24 different scratch offs, all great stocking stuffers. 631-725-2277

Finally destination **Style Bar Day Spa**, One Bay Street, Sag Harbor, for a makeover, just in time for

the many upcoming holiday parties I will be attending! Holiday "Free Money" promos are available for gift giving. Purchase a gift certificate for \$150 and they will add \$25 to it, \$200, add \$45, \$300 add \$55, \$400 add \$75, and \$500 add \$100. Can't beat that one. Also get a complimentary manicure with any hair salon service, any day through December 23, when you style and/or color your hair...Wow! I'm just in time for promo, with my hair color and cut...Thanks Style Bar and expert colorist Jeanette for a great color and cut and a complimentary manicure. 631-725-6030.

It's that time of year again, which means **Cavaniola's Gourmet**, 89 Division St., Sag Harbor is happy to announce the availability of the 2010 holiday gift baskets! As it has always been, you are welcome to include any bottle(s) from the Cellar in your basket. However, in order to make the process as simple as possible, stop in and Cavaniola will detail some of their favorite holiday reds, whites and sparklers for that perfect holiday gift...

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK:

Respectable Collectibles at Flowers & Company Antiques, 245 County Rd. 39, (entrance on Henry Street), just outside Southampton Village, opened their doors on December 4 to a very receptive audience of collectors, design enthusiasts and Christmas gift shoppers. The opening marks the beginning of a new era in Hamptons shopping! Followers of "Romantic" and "Romantic Country" decorating finally have a shop to call home! This adorable boutique features an array of holiday plants and handmade gifts nestled among antique pieces of china and glass, all handpicked by Diane Fedak. Outstanding stocking stuffers include local, beeswax candles from Blossom Meadow Honey,

bobeche in every color you could possibly need and quaint Christmas angel ornaments. Currently open Thursday through Sunday, 10-5. The big news is that a high-end, multiple-dealer antiques mall is currently coming together in the spacious room in the back. Stay tuned...

Open in Water Mill this week, the **Avanti Culinary Market**, 760 Montauk Hwy., (next door to the Water Mill Cupcake Co.) will feature a three-time James Beard guest chef who will oversee all the prepared foods. Expect high quality at reasonable prices with an emphasis on locally grown and produced foods

The Sag Harbor Farmers Market has gone indoors at 34 Bay Street Plaza, Sag Harbor. A perfect venue for holiday market shopping, it is currently operating on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. through Dec. 18. If business is brisk, the market's managers have promised to bring it back in 2011, in this new, brick building until it goes back outdoors in May. So get out and there, support local farmers, food purveyors and artisans. Offerings include winter vegetables, jams, jellies and hand-crafted gift items.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my loyal readers, shop owners, co-workers, friends and family...this issue ends my 15th year writing Shop 'til You Drop for *Dan's Papers*. I hope to continue letting you all know about the sales and new businesses that pop up for 2011 on the East End.

Until then, Ciao and Happy Holidays and Winter Shopping!

If your shop is having sales or specials in 2011, let me know about it...e-mail me at: Shoptil@danspapers.com

Kid's Calendar

20-23 & Dec. 27-30, Mon. - Thu., 9 a.m. - noon. Ross Lower School, BH. 1 week \$350 / 2 weeks \$675, 631-907-5117.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM Workshops Dec. 27-29 Ages 4 and up. Reg. req'd. 25 Job's Ln., SH. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

FOOTPRINT TEES – 10 a.m. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. For children ages 3-12 months and a parent or caregiver. Paint a t-shirt with baby's footprints to make a cherished gift. Bring your infant and a t-shirt. wmwlib@gmail.com, 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

WHBPAC PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER "SWEET" - 7-8 PM, 76 Main St., WHB, info@whbpac.org, 631-288-1500, whbpac.org, \$15.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

A CHILDREN'S WORLD EXHIBIT – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., also tomorrow noon- 5 p.m. Antique dolls and toys, Clinton Academy, 151 Main St., EH. 631-324-6850, easthampton-history.org.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING – 10 a.m. and 11a.m. Free to members, \$12 non-members. Children's Museum of the East End (CME), 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, BH. 631-537-8250. cmee.org.

LIZ JOYCE AND A COUPLE OF PUPPETS: NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS – 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., live show, Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 East Union St., SGH. goatonaboat.org. 631-725-4193. \$10, \$9 for grandparents and members, \$5 for children under three years.

9TH ANNUAL SANTA & A MOVIE – 11 a.m. After the film, children visit Santa in his Winter Wonderland. Tickets are distributed on a first come first serve basis, beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the event. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St. WHB. whbpac.org 631-288-1500.

BALLET IN CINEMA: THE NUTCRACKER - 2 pm. \$12 members \$15 nonmembers, children under 12 free. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Ln., SH. 631-283-2118.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

ROWDY HALL AND GUILD HALL PRESENT

FAMILY MATINEE SUNDAY - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - 3 p.m. a meal and movie for \$15 per child (12 and under) and \$25 per adult. 866-811-4111

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

DROP-OFF FOR TOYS FOR TOTS - new, unwrapped toys for needy children can be dropped off at Assemblyman Fred Theile's Bridgehampton office at 2302 Montauk Hwy., BH. 631-537-2583

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

ME & MOMMY TIME - CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - 9:15 a.m. or 3 p.m. Atlantis Marine World, 431 E. Main St., RVHD. Members: \$40./series Non-Members: \$60, reservations@amwny.com, atlantismarineworld.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

COAT DRIVE – 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Dec. 31, Baby Shock, 99 Main St, WHB. Collecting new and used coats for men, women, children, babies. Contact Elyse Richman, shockwesthampton@aol.com, 631-553-0155, babyshock.com. Donate a Coat and get a free ice cream cone from Shock Ice Cream.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MARYLLIS FARM SANCTUARY - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 93 Merchants Path off Sagg Rd Sagaponack, BH. Children have an opportunity to feed the animals; pony rides, christine@amaryllisfarm.com, 631-537-7335, \$5

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

VACATION BINGO – 7 p.m. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. For grades 3-6. Great prizes!, wmwlib@gmail.com, 631-288-3335.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

MOVIES AND MUNCHIES – 4-6 p.m. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Rd., SH. Featuring *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and hot, buttery, freshly made popcorn. lridgeway@myrml.org, 631-283-0774

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION BALL DROP - 11:30am. Free to Members; \$9 for Non-Members. Mark the start of 2011 with a countdown to Noon, watching a festive ball drop at CME, 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, BH. 631-537-8250. cmee.org

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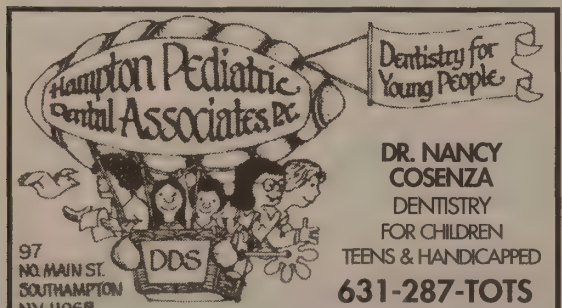
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Contact organizations, as some require ticket purchase or advanced registration.

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SEASONAL CAMPS

ROSS SCHOOL Progressive Art and Athletics, Ages 5-13, Dec. 20-24 & Dec. 27-31; Mon. - Thu. 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Fri. 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.; Ross Upper School, EH. 2 weeks \$1200 / 1 week \$700; **Gymnastics**, Ages 3 and up, Dec.



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BENEFITS

DROP-OFF FOR TOYS FOR TOTS - new, unwrapped toys for needy children can be dropped off through December at all Town & Country Real Estate offices: 52 Main St., EH; 2415 Main St., SH; 132-9 Main St., WH; 764 Montauk Hwy. MTK, 570 Noyac Rd., North Sea; 6920 Main Rd., Mattituck; 57125 Main Rd. Southold. Sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. (631)-298-0600 Ext 103 Cell 631-948-0143.

DROP-OFF FOR TOYS FOR TOTS - new, unwrapped toys for needy children can be dropped off through December at Assemblyman Fred Theile's Bridgehampton office at 2302 Montauk Hwy., BH. 631-537-2583

CORMARIA - Sat., Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Advent Day of Prayer, \$25 at the door. Sun., Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m. - noon, Holly Ivy Breakfast \$15 at the door, children under 8 free. 77 Bay St., SGH. 631-725-4206.

CYCLE-A-THON TO BENEFIT MAUREEN'S HAVEN - Dec. 18 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Core Dynamics Health & Fitness, WM. 12 Teams, 12 Bikes, 12 Hours. Interested riders should call ahead to join one of the teams and to secure a time slot for a half or full hour. Participates can experience Core Dynamics free for the day. Minimum donation \$10. Core Dynamics will match a penny for every calorie burned in total for the day from all teams. 631-726-6049, coredynamicsgym.com.

FARMERS MARKET

SAG HARBOR - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 18. 34 Bay Street Plaza (across from Breakwater Yacht Club). If business is brisk this lovely indoor market will carry on in 2011. Please support local farmers and producers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA - with Vivien Leigh, Claude Rains (1945) - 1 p.m., Hampton Library, 2478 Main St., BH, bridlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631 537-0015

CHERISH THE LADIES - A Celtic Christmas 8 p.m., Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-0806, guildhall.org. \$25

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY - 5-8 p.m. Wolffer Wine Tasting Room, SGK. Featuring live music by Clinton Curtis. No cover charge, wines by the glass, cheese and charcuterie plates. Wolffer.com.

EAST HAMPTON LANTERN TOUR - 7 p.m. Meet at Clinton Academy, 151 Main St., EH. Reservations required, 631-324-6850, \$15. Easthamptonhistory.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

BUCKSKILL WINTER CLUB GRAND RE-OPENING - Call 631-324-2243 for details.

SOUTHAMPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SANTA VISIT - 1-3 p.m. at Chamber Office, 76 Main St., SH. Photos & Hot Chocolate & Cookies 631-283-0402 southampotnchamber.com

"SOUTHAMPTON~ IT'S A WONDERFUL VILLAGE" - 1:30-3:30 p.m. Horse & Buggy Rides, Victorian Carolers & more! Sponsored by Southampton Chamber of Commerce and local merchants. 631-283-0402. southampotnchamber.com.

BALLET IN CINEMA: THE NUTCRACKER - 2 p.m. \$12 members \$15 nonmembers, children under 12 free. Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Ln., SH. 631-283-2118.

YULETIDE STROLL ON HISTORIC MAIN ST. - 3-5 p.m. Meet at Home Sweet Home, 10 James Ln., EH. Refreshments, free admission. 631-324-6850, easthamptonhistory.org.

LIVE NATIVITY - 6 p.m. Live animals and the telling of the Christmas Story in the church garden. First Presbyterian Church, 2 South Main St., Southampton. 631 283-1296

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - 4-6 p.m., East End Classic Boat Society at the Community Boat Shop, AMG. Raffle drawing at 5:30 p.m. for the boat it built this year, a

DAN'S PICK

GREGG ALLMAN LIVE

Friday, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

WBPAC -

See listing below.

Catspaw Dinghy. Boat display. The Community Boat Shop is open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. year-round, 301 Bluff Rd., AMG (behind the Marine Museum).

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION - 7 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork Meeting House, 977 Bridgehampton Turnpike, BH. Potluck dinner, drumming, dancing. \$8 (children \$2). 631-537-0132, uucsf.org.

A CHRIST-MASS CELEBRATION - 7-9:30 p.m. concert with performers Tramar Pettaway, Dhonna Goodale & The RBS Singers, Dylan Jennet Collins, Pastor Leslie Duroseau, Mrs. Marcina Robinson, Tiffany Obi, Southampton United Methodist Church, 160 Main St., SH 631-283-0951. Free

HOLIDAY BALL - 7 p.m. 230 elm, 230 Elm St., SH. \$40, reservations, 631-377-3900, 230elm.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

SANTA BRUNCH - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 75 Main, 75 Main St., SH. \$25/children 12 and under \$15. 631-283-7575, 75main.com. GH/Rowdy Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

COAT DRIVE - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Dec. 31, Baby Shock, 99 Main St., WHB. Collecting new and used coats for men, women, children and babies. Contact Elyse Richman, shockwesthampton@aol.com, 631-553-0155, babyshock.com. Donate a Coat and get a free ice cream cone from Shock Ice Cream.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

BAY ST. SING-A-LONG - 7 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, Corner of Bay & Main St., SGH featuring the Broadway Irish tenor Ciaran Sheehan accompanied by pianist Brenda Landrum. Admission to the event is free to the public with a canned good donation for the food pantry. melissa@baystreet.org, 631-725-9500, baystreet.org.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

HOLIDAY FOLK AND ROOTS MUSIC AT ASHAWAGH HALL - 8 p.m. several folk and roots-based artists will appear at Ashawagh Hall in Springs as part of a combination holiday celebration and record release concert. Singer songwriter Job Potter, best known to East End residents as a politician, will share songs from his first solo recording, "Job Potter." Folk singer and songwriter Caroline Doctorow will follow and will be joined by renowned musician and multi instrumentalist Pete Kennedy. \$10 at the door only. Ashawagh Hall is on the corner of Springs Fireplace Road and Old Stone Highway. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

COAT DRIVE - drop off mens winter coats at Southampton Tire on Main St., SH, across from 7-Eleven.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY - 5-8 p.m. Wolffer Wine Tasting Room, SGK. Featuring live music. No cover charge, wines by the glass, cheese and charcuterie plates. Wolffer.com.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE - 10 - 11 a.m. Whiskey Hill. Meet on Mill Path off Lopers Path east, Bridgehampton. Moderately paced 1.5 mile hike with ocean views from the top of the



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

DO YOUR OWN THING BUS TRIP TO NYC - Shop, see a show, visit a museum or just do your own thing. Leave St. Rosalie's parking lot at 9:30 a.m., drop off at Bryant Park. Pick up at 6:00 p.m. for return. Non-refundable tickets, \$22 each. Limited registration is in person at Hampton Bays Library Circulation desk. 631-728-6241.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEW LIFE CRISIS AT COPA WINE & TAPAS BAR 7:30-10:30 p.m. Copa Wine & Tapas Bar, 95 School St., BH donna.thiele@creativeempires.com, 631 574-7256

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - Oasis, 3253 Noyac Rd., SGH. 631-725-7110, reservations@oasishampton.com

MASQUERADE BALL - 7 p.m. 230 elm, 230 Elm St., SH. \$30, reservations, 631-377-3900, 230elm.com.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - 7 p.m. Gurney's Inn, featuring the sounds of "Soul be It" and DJs Des & Linda. Top shelf open bar all night, raffle, seafood bar, pasta station, hors d'oeuvres, five-course sit-down dinner and famous Viennese dessert table. Special room rates (starting at \$240 p/p). Tickets are \$125 p/p. 668-2345, gurneysinn.com

GREGG ALLMAN LIVE CONCERT - 8 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org.

NEW YEARS EVE - 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. Hotel Indigo East End, 1830 W. Main St., Route 25, RVD. \$125, reservations 631-369-2200, indigoeastend.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

MONTAUK POLAR BEAR - 11 a.m. Gurney's Inn. All attendees meet at Gurney's Spa Desk. Donation of \$10 for the Wounded Warrior Project at the door. Montauk Polar Bears are expected to be in the ocean at 11:30 a.m. Hot cider and bath towels are handed out at the beach. Polar Bears may use the spa facilities all day.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE TO BENEFIT EAST HAMPTON FOOD PANTRY - Noon registration, 1 p.m. plunge, Main Beach, EH. More info 631-324-3025.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

THE JAM SESSION - 7-9 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, Long Wharf, SGH. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org. Free.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

THE LEGENDS FILM SERIES: ELVIS & FRIENDS PLUS LIVE MUSIC BY GENE CASEY AND THE LONE SHARKS - 8 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, Long Wharf, SGH. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org. \$20

FINEST IN WORLD CINEMA SERIES - NORA'S WILL - 7:30 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org. Also tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

ON-GOING

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LETTERS

FROM THE DONKEY'S MOUTH

Dear Dan,

Boy, is your paper read! I know because I can't tell you how many folks saw that picture of Marty and me in donkey ears. If we do Son of Donkey Awards I gotta think up a different hat.

Best,
Joan

That's what happens when you get your picture in the paper wearing donkey ears. – DR

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

Dear Dan,

I have three children and we are officially homeless. My husband left us with nothing. It is absolutely amazing that I live in one of the wealthiest places in the world, yet there is hardly any help out there.

I drove past empty mansion after empty mansion. If these millionaires only knew what they could do for people like me. If they realized by not buying one Birkin bag or not going on one trip and instead donating that money to people like me. I hate the idea of applying for help from the government. I believe in working hard and taking care of my family. Yet, how can I do it when daycare costs

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more money than I can make. And houses are crazy expensive. Don't average people deserve to enjoy the Hamptons too? It breaks my heart that animals get more help then people. I think people like me aren't looking for a handout but a hand up to give their kids a better life. Doesn't everyone deserve this?

Sincerely,
Erica Tronsen

Everyone surely does. – DR

DANG, IT'S THE SHERIFF AGAIN!

Dear Dan,

If you drive on the LIE between exits 60 and 70, I am sure you have come across one of the Suffolk County Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff cars that are out there keeping the roadway a safe place to be. It seems that every few miles there is a motorist traveling at an unsafe speed who has been snared by

one of these officers.

I can't help but picture one of them after he pulls behind the lawbreaker's vehicle, slowly strolling up to the passenger side window (lest he is sideswiped by one of the other motorists speeding by at 70 or 80 or so). His boots clomp, clomp, clomping and the metal spurs clanging on the asphalt, the star on his chest gleaming in the bright sunlight. "Good day, ma'am. I am the sheriff in charge of this county of Suffolk and we don't take kindly to ya'll speeding through these parts."

I had never given much thought to what a sheriff actually does until they became so abundant on this stretch of the LIE. And then, when I did some reading about what a sheriff's regular duties are (serving court papers, supervising evictions, seizing property) I wonder is there anybody left in the office to do these things? But no matter, these guys have apparently found their true calling.

It all started a few years ago when in order to assist the police, these sheriffs went through training on visually estimating a car's speed and the skills required to use the latest laser speed measurement devices. I don't know who thought to do this, but they are one of the great entrepreneurial minds of our time. Just look at the enterprise this has created – by my count the other day, and I travel this stretch of roadway almost every day, there were no fewer than six cars trolling back and forth. Now in addition to the benefits in terms of safe traveling for the rest of us, this has got to be an enormous windfall to the sheriff's department budget. When this system started a few years ago the cars were few and far between, now just the fuel and upkeep on their fleet of vehicles must be several thousands of dollars a month. So, I got to thinking (again, all this commuting gives me perhaps too much time on my hands) – we can harness this vast source of human capital to attack other problems plaguing our county. Sort of like finding out that we have a super hero sitting around with nothing to do, except the sheriffs don't have any super powers (unless we count the training on laser devices).

The farmer down the street from me who sells firewood in the winter to supplement his income had been robbed last year by, apparently, one of our neighbors who took a stack without putting five dollars in the metal tin. Now this sort of behavior is not only illegal but it tugs right at the moral fiber of decent society. I have not been able to even look my neighbors in the eye for the past year. How about putting one of these sheriffs on surveillance patrol over the woodpiles?

I have also seen, more times than I can count, individuals at the town of Southold waste disposal center (what used to be called the town dump) disposing of recyclables in the yellow bags that are supposed to only contain garbage. While I'm not entirely sure this is illegal, it is a crime against our environment. At least give us one of the sheriff deputies to stand on patrol at our town dump.

This would still leave more than enough manpower to continue the efforts on the LIE. And while these other ventures may not generate the same income as the speed patrols, this diversification into attacking these other crimes is something we in the community would applaud – in particular if this activity could be subsidized out of the bank accounts of those in such a hurry on our roadways.

That would of course leave Barney Fife alone back in headquarters, asking Sheriff Taylor if he can have a bullet for his gun and, as the story went every time before, the answer would be no.

Tony N.
Cutchogue

Keep those eyes and ears peeled. – DR

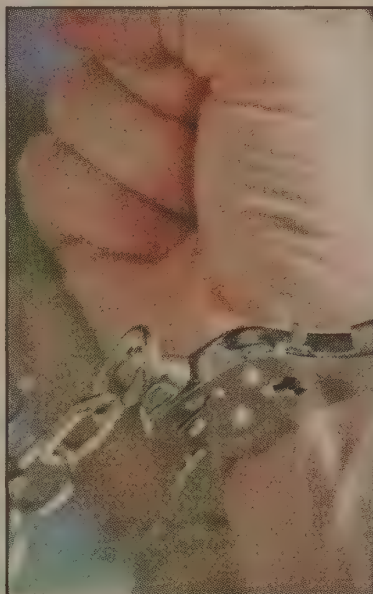
POLICE BLOTTER

Car Accidents

On Tuesday, multiple car accidents were reported due to the slick and icy conditions of the roads. One driver reported saying, "Driving on the roads was like the Wild West! People were sliding off the road everywhere I looked."

12-Year-Old

A 12-year-old boy was arrested by police for petit larceny after he was caught stealing from a small business. He has been ordered to appear in family court to face the charge. Now if that doesn't scare you straight at that age, nothing will.



somebody he did not know, which for this time of year on Shelter Island is highly suspicious.

In the Trunk

A man on the North Fork reported that his backpack was stolen. Inside the backpack, the man had left his computer and cell phone inside. His cell phone, which contains a GPS tracking device allowed the man to track down his backpack. After going to the exact location, he realized that he left his backpack in the truck of his car.

Yaba Daba DOO!!!

A man in Hampton Bays, who was going through a police checkpoint, learned the hard way that it is against the law to drive barefoot.

Not This Time, NOT THIS TIME!

Horatio of the CSI crime unit in Miami would be proud of Southampton Police today. Police in Southampton were able to crack a case that was three years old thanks to a trace of blood. The case concluded that a woman broke into a house in Sagaponack and stole a Sony laptop, estimated to be worth around \$1,000. While she was taking the laptop, she cut her hand slightly, leaving behind a trace amount of blood. The blood was put in an evidence file, but with no suspects to match it to, the DNA was stored in a database. Well the case took a turn when the woman was arrested in another town for another crime and her DNA was put into a police database and it matched the DNA in the Sagaponack crime documented from three years ago.

By David Lion Rattiner

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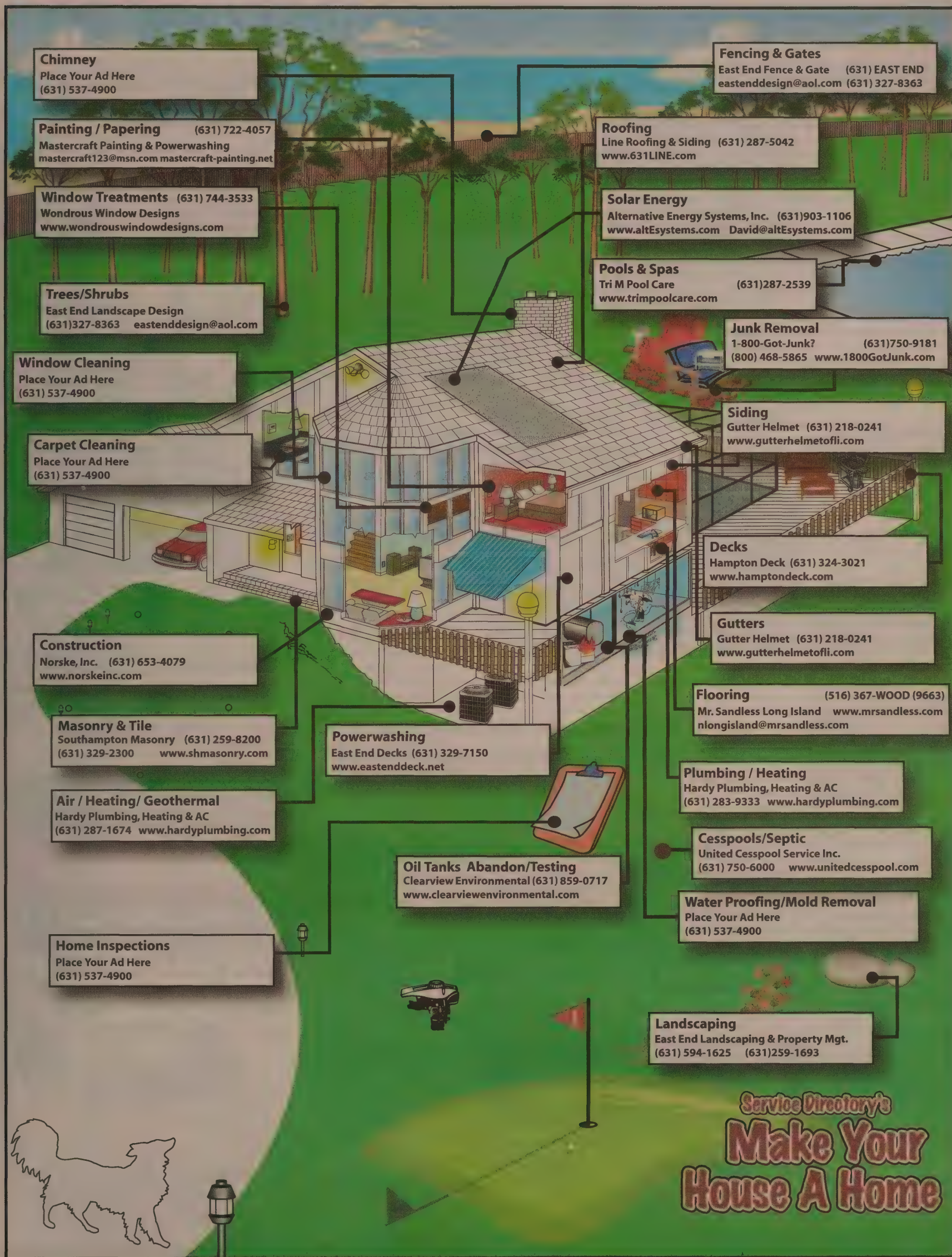
Here's something you don't hear about too often. A man in East Hampton thought it would be a good idea to call the emergency dispatcher at the police department and make harassing statements. Police responded to the man's address and told him that if he called the dispatcher again, they would put him in handcuffs. They told him that the only reason he was allowed to call was for emergency purposes, which is what it is there for. The man said that he wouldn't prank phone call the police department anymore.

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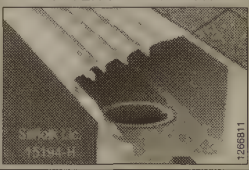
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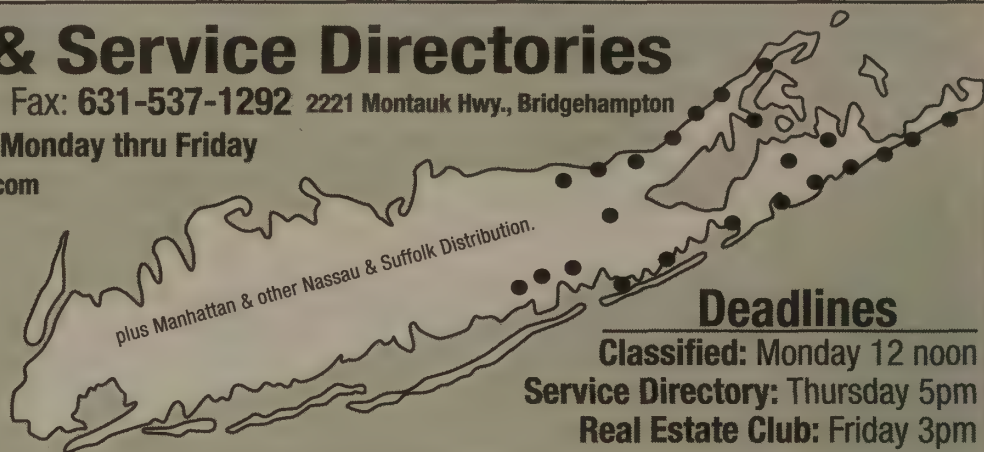
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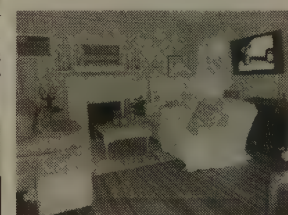
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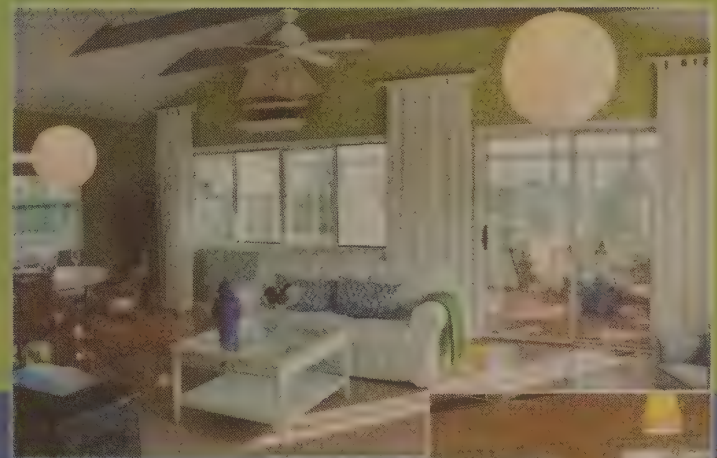
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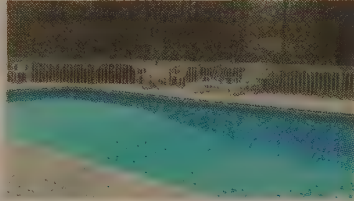
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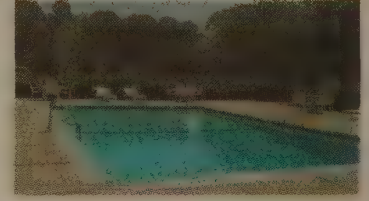
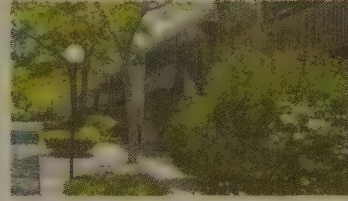


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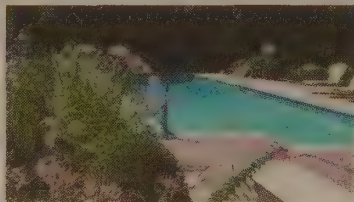


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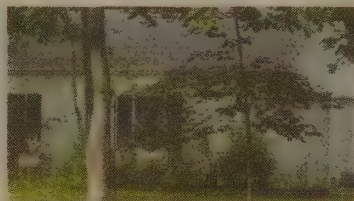
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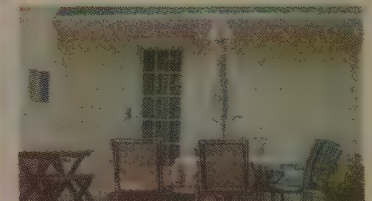
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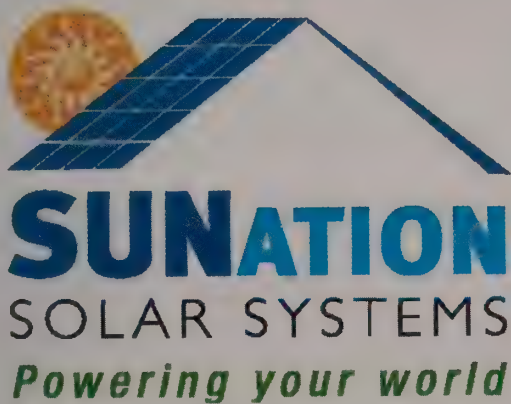
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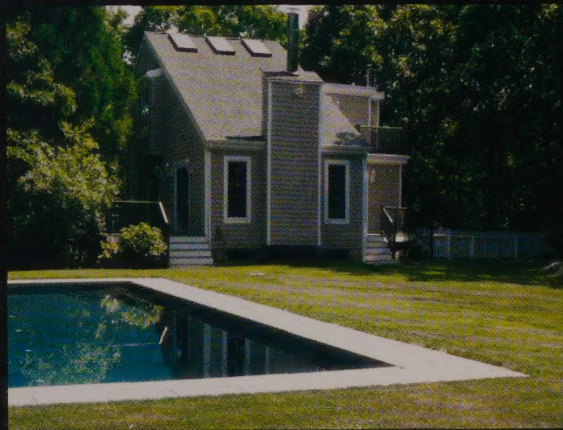
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